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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

STEAM TO ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, PLYMOUTH, LONDON, BRINDISI, VENICE, TRIESTE, AND MARSEILLES.

PROGRAMME OF DEPARTURES.

Vessels.	Tons	H.P.	Captains.	FRIDAY 1886.
M SIAM	2011	800	R. F. Briscoe	5th Mar.
L NUBIA	3536	800	T. J. Alderton	12th "
M SIAM	2736	800	W. J. Webber	19th "
L THAMES	4101	800	W. A. Beaton	26th "
M AUSTRALIA	3664	600	E. Ashdown	2nd April.
L PESHAWUR	2497	(650)	L. H. Moule	9th "
M ARABIA	3438	500	W. J. Nevins	16th "
L CLYDE	4124	800	E. M. Edmond	23rd "
M MIRZAPORE	3637	600	R. Harvey	30th "
L HYDASPES	3304	500	G. Butvicher	7th May
M GWALIOR	2733	500	P. Harris	14th "
L SURAT	3112	550	R. G. Murray	21st "
			TUESDAY.	
M MALWA	2959	500	G. W. Atkinson	25th "
L ANCONA	3126	600	S. F. Cole	1st June.

The steamers marked L proceed direct to London via Malta; and those marked M via Marseilles. By the others, passengers for London change vessels at Suez. All London steamers call at Plymouth.

A steam-barge will leave the Apollo Bunder at 3 p.m. on the day of sailing to convey passengers on board.

STEAM TO COLOMBO, STRAITS, CHINA, JAPAN, AND AUSTRALIA.

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	1886.
SURAT	3112	550	R. G. Murray	5th March.
ANCONA	3126	600	S. F. Cole	19th "
PEKIN	3630	650	A. Symons	2nd April.

Return Tickets are now issued at greatly reduced rates to all ports, for particulars of which apply to

F. D. PARKER,
Superintendent, P & O. S. N. Company.

Bombay, February 23, 1886.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA
SOCIETA RIUNITE FLORIO RUBATTINO.

THE Regular Mail-steamers leave BOMBAY on the 1st of each month at noon, calling at ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, GENOA, and MARSEILLES, starting from GENOA on the 9th of every month for BOMBAY.

FARE to all Ports of Italy Rs. 500, Rs. 350, Rs. 150, for First, Second, and Third Class, respectively, inclusive of Wine. Infants are allowed free. Children over three and under ten years, half fare. Families will be allowed liberal discount. To Marseilles Rs. 20, 10, and 5 extra, for First, Second, and Third Class, respectively.

Passengers' heavy Baggage will be delivered in LONDON, FREE OF CHARGE, to the extent allowed in the Handbooks.

A discount of 35, 20, and 10 per cent. is allowed Passengers returning within three, six, and twelve months respectively, from the date of LANDING.

The following or other First Class Steamers will sail from Bombay :—

	Tons.	H.P.	
DOMENICO BALDUINO (late China)	5,000	550	1st Mar. 1886
RAFFAELE RUBATTINO	5,000	550	1st April 1886
MANILLA	5,000	550	1st May 1886

Steam Launch leaves Apollo Bunder between 10 and 11 a.m. on the day of sailing, with Passengers and heavy Baggage.

Through Railway Tickets available for 17 days to London via Calais or Brighton, both from Genoa and Naples, are issued here.

For Handbooks of information and other particulars apply to

F. BOZZONI,
Agent.

Sassoon House, Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, Feb. 1, 1886.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S S. N. Co.

REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS
BETWEEN BOMBAY, BRINDISI, AND TRIESTE, *VIA* CANAL.

Steamers.	Captains	Tons.	H. P.	To sail 1886
MEDUSA	R. Deperis	3,500	550	2nd Mar.
ELEKTRA	G. Ragusin	4,200	600	3rd April.
PANDORA	G. Medici	3,500	550	16th "
POSEIDON (New)	G. Doncich	4,600	650	3rd May.
BERENICE	C. B. Verona	3,500	550	16th "

A Surgeon and Stewardess on board of every Steamer.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY.

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
TRIESTE OR BRINDISI	Rs. 500	Rs. 300	Rs. 130

RETURN TICKETS are now issued available for SIX MONTHS at the following rates :—

	1st Class.	2nd Class
TRIESTE OR BRINDISI	Rs. 800	Rs. 480

Above rates include Wines supplied at meals.

Steamers for BOMBAY leave TRIESTE on the 5th, and BRINDISI on the 7th, of each month.

The Company's steam launch will be in attendance at the Apollo-bunder on the day of sailing to convey passengers and their luggage to the steamer, free of charge.

STEAM TO COLOMBO, PENANG, SINGAPORE AND HONGKONG.

Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	H.P.	To sail 1886.
POSEIDON (New)	G. Doncich	4,600	650	3rd March

For further particulars, freight, passage, &c., apply to

J. JANNI,
Agent.

Sassoon House, 50, Church-gate-street, Bombay, Feb. 16, 1886.

HALL LINE OF STEAMERS.
BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL.
CALLING AT MALTA.

On

	Capts.	Tons.	H.P.	or about
S.S. RYDAL HALL	Buck	2700	400	4th Mar.

Passengers booked Overland to LONDON via MALTA and NAPLES.

Each Steamer carries a Surgeon and Stewardess.

For further particulars apply to

EDWARD BATES & Co.,
Agents.

Bombay, 24th February, 1886.

SHIPS-BINOCULARS,
NIGHT-GLASSES,
of extraordinary power and large fields
BY D. MCGREGOR and CO.
A fine selection on hand.

FAVRE, LEUBA & CO.

NOTICE.

FROM THIS DATE the BUSINESS of the undersigned will be CONDUCTED in the name of DRENNAN & Co.

J. M. DRENNAN.

1st March, 1886.

MR. F. L. MAGUIRE is ADMITTED a PARTNER in our firm from THIS DATE.

DRENNAN & CO.

Bombay, 1st March, 1886.

NOTICE.

THE CONTRACT for PROVISIONING H.M.'s COMMON JAIL and also the GOVERNMENT FEMALE WORKHOUSE, Bombay, for the year 1886-87, will be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the Office of H. M.'s Common Jail, on FRIDAY, the 5th day of March 1886, at 11 a.m.

The conditions of the sale and all other information in connection therewith can be obtained on application to the undersigned.

A. G. MACKENZIE, Superintendent,
H. M.'s Common Jail, and Governor of the Government Female Workhouse.

Bombay, 25th February 1886.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY COMPANY.
TEAK LOG TIMBER.

TENDERS are invited for the supply of 1,700 tons of MOULMEIN TEAK SQUARED LOG TIMBER, under three separate specifications, for delivery at the Company's Locomotive Depôt, Parel, Bombay.

The specifications and forms of Tenders may be obtained on application at the Storekeeper Office, Parel.

Tenders must be made in strict accordance with the specifications and independent of each other.

No Tender will be entertained in which the Company's conditions have been altered.

Tenders must be sealed and endorsed "Tender for Teak Timber," and delivered at the Company's Offices, Elphinstone Circle, Fort, Bombay, by 1 p.m. (Gun-fired), on WEDNESDAY, the 10th March next, after which hour no Tender will be received.

Tenders must be accompanied separately by a deposit of Rs. 1,000, or the Tender will not be received.

The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

ALFRED KING,
Storekeeper.

Storekeeper's Office, Parel, 15th February, 1886.

SHIPPING.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (LIMITED)

Intend to despatch Steamers as follows :—

FOR KURRACHEE AND KATTYWAR COAST.

S.S. "BURMAH," 1,081 tons, on FRIDAY, 5th March, 1886, at noon, calling at Veraval, Mangarole, Pore Bunder, and Cutch Mandvie, weather permitting.

FOR KURRACHEE AND PERSIAN GULF.

S.S. "ARABIA," 1,080 tons, on MONDAY, 8th March, (on arrival of outward English Mail), calling at Kurrachee, Gwadur, Muscat, Jask, Bunder Abbas, Lingah, Bushire, Fao, and Busreh, in the foregoing or any order, weather permitting.

FOR COAST AND CALCUTTA.

S.S. "SIRDHANA," 2,661 tons, on WEDNESDAY, 3rd March, at 5 p.m., calling at such ports as may be arranged. Particulars can be ascertained on application to the undersigned.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co.,
Bombay, 1st March, 1886. Agents.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

THERMOMETERS.

	Rs.	a.
Bath Metal Scale, in Japanned Case, Rs. 2-8 and	2	12
Bath Enamel Tube, in Copper Case	4	8
House on Boxwood, Fahr. and Cent. graduations ... Re. 1-8 and	4	8
Kew Observatory Pattern, in Copper Case	9	0
Pocket, in Revolving German-Silver Case. Rs. 6-8 and	7	8
Chemical Fahr. Scale	5	8
" Fahr. and Cent.	7	0
Ice Machine, per pair, in case	6	0
Self-Registering, Max. and Min., on Oak, per pair ... Rs. 12-8 and	30	0
Self-Registering, Max. and Min., in Mahogany Case ... Rs. 18-0 and	25	0
Six's Max. and Min., Combined, in Japanned Case with Magnet	8	0

MAGNETIC COMPASSES.

In Round Brass Cases, with Stop. Rs. 3-8, Rs. 4-0,	4	8
In Round Electrum ... Rs. 4-0, Rs. 4-8	5	8
Square Mahogany Cases, with Stops	3	0
Watch-Shaped Metal Pocket Cases	6	0
Round Leather Case, Needle on Agate Cap	4	0
Symon's Patent Card Dials, in square Mahogany Case	6	0
Universal, alterable from Floating to Needle Compass ... Rs. 12-8 and Rs.	20	0
Charm Compasses, 15-Carat Gold	7	8

MAGNETIC SUNDIALS.

Pocket Size, with Agate Cap	4	8
" " with Stop	5	12
" " " in bronzed metal case	6	12
Universal, for any position north or south of the Line ... Rs. 25-0 and	55	0

HYDROMETER.

MASON'S STANDARD, Metal Scale, mounted on oak board for suspension	27	0

RAIN GAUGES.

COMPLETE with Copper Funnel, Receiver and Glass Measure, graduated to 100ths of an inch, each	10	8
Spare Glass Measures for above, each	5	0

RADIOMETERS.

CROOKE'S PATTERN, of perfect finish, each	11	0

ANEROID BAROMETERS.

EXTREMELY SENSITIVE, with circular Thermometer	4	0

TREACHER AND COMPANY, Ld.,
BOMBAY, BYCULLA, AND POONA.

BOMBAY CLUB.

THE ADJOURNED HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Club will be held in the Club House on FRIDAY, 12th March, at 5-45 p. m.

JAS. B. HAWORTH,
Honorary Secretary.

February 20, 1886.

ORIENTAL LOAN ASSOCIATION, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND of 8 per cent. for the year ending 31st December, 1885, WILL BE PAID to Registered Shareholders on and after WEDNESDAY, the 3rd proximo, at the Offices, No. 9 Elphinstone Circle.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. McLAUCHLAN SLATER, F. I. A.,
Managing Director.

Bombay, 19th February, 1886.

AT TONG WAH & Co., the best and cheapest CHINESE HOUSE in INDIA, can be had a large variety of superior CHINA TEAS, CHINESE CURIOSITIES of every description, CHINESE SILK CLOTH, &c., &c.

AN EARLY TRIAL SOLICITED.

No. 42, Kalbadevi-road.

TO CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS are invited for the ERECTION of a GODOWN at Byculla. Plans and Specification to be seen at the office of Messrs. CAMPBELL & JERVIS, Elphinstone Circle.

W. TUCKER, Manager,
Treacher & Co., Ld., Byculla.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS are invited for the following services for the Official Year 1886-1887, viz. :—

I Ordinary and petty repairs to all the Military and Civil Buildings and Works in charge of the Executive Engineer, Bombay Defences, in Bombay, Bombay Harbour, Butcher's Island, Hog Island, and Elephanta.

II Supply of, and repairs to, Barrack Furniture.

III Supply of Petty Stores, &c.

2. Conditions of contract can be seen, and forms of tenders and all necessary information obtained on application at the Bombay Defences Office, Fort, during Office hours.

3. Tenders, which should be sealed, will be received by the undersigned at his Office up to noon on 5th March, 1886, when they will be opened.

4. The amount of earnest money required to accompany the Tender is Rs. 500 each.

5. The acceptance of the Tender rests with the Superintending Engineer, Northern Division.

6. Authority is reserved to reject any or all of the tenders received.

W. MERRIMAN, Bt.-Col., R. E.,
Executive Engineer, Bombay Defences.
Bombay Defences Office, Fort, 15th February, 1886.

AUCTION SALE
OF A VALUABLE HOUSE
IN MAIN STREET, POONA,
ON THE PREMISES
ON SATURDAY, THE 6TH MARCH 1886,
COMMENCING AT 4 P.M.
A GOOD CHANCE FOR INVESTORS.

UNDER instructions from the Executors of the late REBECCA CORNISH, JAFFER JUSSUFF will submit to Public Auction on the above date all that piece or parcel of ground (subject to the usual conditions of Government) situated in Main Street, in the Cantonment of Poona, sub-district of Haveli, together with the house and out-houses, &c., standing thereon, and which is bounded on the north by a public cross-road, on the south by the bungalow of Mr. Nowrojee Khandallawala, on the east by Main Street, and on the west by the bungalow of Mr. Mottabhoy.

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

A deposit of 25 per cent to be paid on the day of sale, and the balance of the purchase-money within 30 (thirty) days after the date of sale, when such title-deeds and documents as the Executors possess will be made over. Stamp paper, Registration and all other expenses connected with the transfer to be borne by the purchaser.

If the whole of the purchase money is not paid as above mentioned, the deposit money will be forfeited, and the house resold at the risk and expense of the first purchaser who will be responsible for any loss, while he will have no claim to any profit that may accrue from such sale. Further particulars and conditions of sale will be given at the time of sale.

JAFFER JUSSUFF,
General Merchant.

PHOTOGPRAHIC APPARATUS AND CHEMICALS.

THIS important, rapidly increasing branch of the Company's Business receives great attention from the Management. The stock for selection is larger than that of any other House in India; and taking into consideration the quality of the Apparatus, Chemicals, etc., the Rates will be found very low. Special care is taken in the selection of Chemicals, those only of absolute purity being supplied.

CAMERAS, LENSES, PRINTING FRAMES, CAMEO DIES and PRESSES, TENTS, STANDS, BATHS, and every requisite for both the DRY and WET PROCESS.

THE COMPANY ARE SOLE AGENTS FOR
THOMAS'S "PALL MALL"
EXTRA RAPID DRY PLATES.

The Company having made special arrangements with the Manufacturers, are now enabled to quote at the following considerably Reduced Rates :—

Cash Prices.		Cash Prices.
4½ × 3½ per doz. ...Rs. 1 12	9 × 7 per doz.	...Rs. 7 8
4 × 4 " ... " 2 8	10 × 8 "	... " 10 0
6½ × 4½ " ... " 4 0	12 × 10 "	... " 14 8
7½ × 4½ " ... " 4 8	15 × 12 "	... " 24 0
8½ × 6½ " ... " 6 8		

ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUES ON APPLICATION.

TREACHER & COMPANY, LD.,
OPERATIVE AND MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS,
BOMBAY, BYCULLA, AND POONA.

BADHAM, PILE AND CO., LD.,

WE have pleasure in informing our constituents that we have JUST RECEIVED the following NEW GOODS in great variety, and most fashionable makes, for gentlemen.

BLACK, (PURE) SILK SOCKS; Embroidered Fronts; for evening wear, latest designs, ... per pair	Rs.	11 8
BLACK AND COLORED PURE SILK SOCKS, with Clocks	"	9 8
WHITE KID, BLACK POINTS, 2 Buttons, best quality only	"	3 12
WHITE SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, Orleans Bordered ... each	"	3 0
SILK WINDSOR TIES, Light Colors ... from	"	1 4
WHITE SILK AND SATIN PIN SCARVES; Very elegant and richest quality	"	2 8

And a large Selection of Silk Squares, Mufflers, &c.

HOSIERS, GLOVERS, AND SHIRT-MAKERS,
BOMBAY & SECUNDERABAD.

THE GREAT WESTERN HOTEL,
FORT,
BOMBAY.

BARTON AND CO., LIMITED,
BOMBAY AND POONA.

WE have just unpacked a fresh Consignment of SWISS CIGARS, expressly manufactured for us, selling at very low prices.

	Rs.	a.		Rs.	a.
Ade Villar ... Per Box	6	0	Corona ... Per Box	5	0
Tabasca ... "	7	0	Flonda ... "	4	0
La Gaza ... "	3	8	National ... "	3	8
La Miranda ... "	3	8	Bella Signora ... "	2	0
Lavante ... "	6	0	Aquilla De Ara ... "	2	0
La Semiramis ... "	6	0	Garfield ... "	2	0
Granda Long ... Pckt of 100	3	8	Amanda ... "	2	0
Granda Court ... "	3	8	Cordado Tabasca ... "	3	8
Vevey Court ... Pckt of 200	3	8	Las Palmas ... "	2	0
Berttia ... "	3	8	La Real ... "	3	0
Cigarettes Havanas ... "	6	0	Alsatia ... "	3	0
Old England ... Per Box	3	8	Patria ... "	3	0
Vevey Long ... Pckt of 100	3	8			

TRIAL ORDER SOLICITED.

BARTON AND CO., LIMITED,
WINE, PROVISION, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS,
CHURCH GATE STREET, FORT, AND EAST STREET, POONA.

CUTLER, PALMER AND CO.,
BOMBAY.

ALSO OF LONDON, CALCUTTA, BORDEAUX, MADRAS, LAHORE, KARACHI

FOUR GOLD AND TWO SILVER MEDALS were awarded to us and Correspondents whom we represented at the late Calcutta International Exhibition.

	Credit. Per case. 1 doz. qts. Rs. a.	2 doz. pts. Rs. a.
BORDEAUX.—RED.		
Château Lafite (After Dinner Wines)	38 0	40 0
Château Mouton (After Dinner Wines)	38 0	40 0
Château Rauzan (After Dinner Wines)	34 0	36 0
Château Palmer (After Dinner Wines)	28 0	30 0
Château Larose (After Dinner Wines)	25 0	27 0
St. Julien (After Dinner Wines)	22 0	24 0
St. Estephe, a favourite (Breakfast Wines)	17 0	19 0
Medoc (Breakfast Wines)	15 0	16 0
Medoc, Bombay bottled (Breakfast Wines)	13 0	15 0
BORDEAUX.—WHITE.		
Haut Sauterne, delicate flavour	27 0	29 0
Barsac, very choice	21 0	23 0
BURGUNDY.—RED.		
Chambertin, the élite of Burgundies	36 0	38 0
Corton, high class wine	30 0	32 0
Volnay, strongly recommended	25 0	27 0
Beaune, soft delicate flavour	21 0	23 0
BURGUNDY.—WHITE.		
Chablis La Moutonne, superior	30 0	32 0
Chablis, light, pleasant wine	20 0	22 0
CHAMPAGNE.		
Wachter and Co.'s "Royal Charter"	62 0	...
Moet and Chandon's Extra Superior	61 0	...
Moet and Chandon's White Dry Sillery	56 0	...
Cutler, Palmer and Co.'s "Reserve Cuvée," Extra Dry	56 0	...
Finest Extra Dry, per hamper of 24 half-pints		36 0
Perinet and Fils "Cuvée-Reserve" (Extra Sec.)	59 0	...
Heidsieck's dry Monopole	61 0	...
Carte Blanche (Sibadey's), light dry	36 0	...
Saumur, Finest Sparkling	28 0	...

Pints, Rs. 3 per two doz. extra.

PORT.		
Old Crusted, some years in bottle	40 0	...
Invalids' Wine, highly recommended, *gold capsule*	28 8	...
Invalids' Rich " " " "	28 8	...
Dessert Wine, fruity ... *black*	25 0	...
A good full Wine ... *red*	21 0	...
Spanish Port the best ... *green*	16 8	...
SACRAMENTAL WINES.		
St. Martin's Malaga	25 0	...
Do. Tinta Francisca	36 0	...

Pints, Rs. 2 per two doz. extra.

THE ABOVE PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT FOR CASH.
TRADE AND MESS ALLOWANCES FROM ABOVE PRICES ON APPLICATION.

MARCKS & COMPANY, LD.,
WATCH MANUFACTURERS, &c.,
BOMBAY AND POONA.

A GOOD WATCH is one of the most remarkable productions of human skill and patience.

WATCH MANUFACTURING being the original branch of our business, in which we have had considerable experience, enables us to render our assistance in aiding our constituents, skilfully to select the description of a Time-keeper, best adapted to their respective requirements.

Watches are manufactured, and we could sell them in Bombay for 7 or 8 Rupees each, but we prefer to confine ourselves to a thoroughly reliable and honest article, worth the money one spends.

It is always our rule to recommend a purchaser to give the best price he can afford for a watch, if he needs a durable and reliable time-keeper. Most of our purchasers, on informing us the amount they desire to invest, may rest assured that their orders will receive the same care and attention as if they were themselves present.

From the immense variety of our Watches always kept in stock, we particularly recommend the following :—

MARCKS & CO.'S Silver hunting ¾ plate lever Watch, with compensation balance wheel ... Rs.	56
The same Watch in Crystal faced case ... "	50
MARCKS & CO.'S Celebrated Campaign Watch of the highest Class ... "	35
Do, do. do. Second quality ... "	25
Gentlemen's Gold hunting Keyless Watch with Compensation balance wheel ... "	250
Do. do. do. Second quality ... "	150
Ladies' Gold hunting Watch of high finish ... "	120
Do. do. in Crystal faced Case ... "	95

Illustrated Catalogue shewing prices of Cheaper Watches free on application.

WATCH REPAIR DEPARTMENT.—Is under the immediate supervision of our Mr. Marcks and our staff includes several old and experienced workmen, enabling us to guarantee the most careful treatment and skilful repair of Clock Watches, Minute and other Repeaters, Chronographs, Calendar Watches, Bird Boxes, etc., etc. Ships' Chronometers carefully adjusted and repaired.

MARCKS & CO., LIMITED,
BOMBAY, OPPOSITE THE CLOCK TOWER.

CONVENIENT FAMILY OR BACHELORS' JARS.

The jars are protected with wicker work, and are made to contain 2 or 4 Imperial gallons.

	Per 2 gals.	Per 4 gals
SCOTCH or IRISH WHISKY (inclusive of jar)	Rs. 22 0	Rs. 42 0
COGNAC **** do.	" 25 0	" 48 0
COGNAC *** do.	" 27 0	" 51 0
COGNAC ** do.	" 31 0	" 60 0
COGNAC * do.	" 35 0	" 68 0
SHERRY, Manzanilla	" 22 0	" 42 0
LOCK TAPS (plated), effectually protecting contents	each	" 4 0
JARS, 2 gallon, allowed for if delivered free at our godown	"	" 3 0
JARS, 4 gallon, do. do. do.	"	" 4 0

THE ABOVE PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

CUTLER, PALMER & CO.,
BOMBAY.

HIRE
OF
PIANOFORTES
FROM Rs. 15 TO Rs. 30.
SPECIAL RATES FOR 6 AND 12 MONTHS.
TUNING AND REPAIRS
OF
PIANOFORTES.

TUNINGS.—This department is in charge of skilled European Tuners who have been specially engaged from England.

CONSIDERABLY REDUCED RATES, when contracted for by the term of six or twelve months, or when two or more Pianofortes are tuned.

Special Rates on application. S. ROSE and Co.

NEW CATLOGUES OF MUSIC, PIANOFORTES, HARMONIUMS, &c., NOW READY, POST-FREE.

S. ROSE & CO., 21, ESPLANADE-ROAD, BOMBAY.

THE FITZGERALD HOTEL,
within a minute's walk from
THE G. I. P. R. BYCULLA STATION,
AND
CLOSE TO THE BYCULLA TRAMWAY TERMINUS.

THE PROPRIETOR begs to announce that the Hotel will be re-opened on or about the 10th March next. The old premises have been neatly repaired and an upper floor has been added. The Hotel is situated in a central position and is open on all sides. There is a large compound with an extensive garden. Table exceptionally good. Civility on the part of the servants, and cleanliness guaranteed.

Wines, Spirits, Liquors, &c., of the best quality and of well-known brands.

Two Thurston Billiard-tables available at all hours, except on Sundays.

An Ice Soda Fountain is attached to the premises, where all kinds of aerated drinks can be had.

Terms strictly moderate. Special arrangements with permanent boarders.

NOWROJEE JAMSETJEE,
Proprietor.

COMMISSARIAT.

SEALED TENDERS will be received on 15th March next by the Executive Commissariat Officer at Kurrachee and the Commissariat Storekeeper-General, Bombay, up to 11-30 a. m. and by the other respective Executive Commissariat Officers up to noon for Contracts for the purchase of empty hogsheads during 1886-87, when they will be opened, and the rates read in the presence of such of the Tenderers as may attend.

LOCAL CONTRACTS.

Kurrachee, Hyderabad, Deesa, Ahmedabad } Under Schedule No. 16.

GENERAL CONTRACT.

Comst. Storekeeper General, Bombay. } Under Schedule No. 38.

Forms of Tenders and Schedules with further particulars can be had on application at the above Offices.

No Tenders will be received or attended to unless accompanied by the necessary earnest money in Treasury receipt, viz., 2½ per cent. on the estimated value of the Contract.

No earnest money in cash will be received.

Further security deposit on acceptance of the Tender must be furnished either in Cash, Government Loan Papers, Bombay Municipal Bonds, or Bombay Port Trust Debentures to the extent of 10 per cent. calculated on the value of the probable quantity of supplies to be delivered.

In the event of earnest money being deposited in the Treasury and a Tender not being submitted, the earnest money will be forfeited to Government.

J. M. BOYD, Colonel,
for Commissary-General.
Commissary-General's Office, Bombay, 9th Feb., 1886.

KEATING'S COUGH-LOZENGES.

COUGHS, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, DIFFICULTY of BREATHING are speedily cured by KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES, recognised and recommended by the Medical Faculty. No other remedy is half so effective. One Lozenge alone gives relief. They contain no Opium, Morphia, nor any violent drug, and may be taken by the most delicate. One or two at bed-time ensures rest when troubled by the throat, sold at all Chemists, in bottles.

SARSAPARILLA.
Wilkinson's Essence or Fluid Extract of
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THE Undersigned is prepared to receive SEALED TENDERS up to the 13th March, 1886.
Full particulars can be ascertained on application at the House of Correction Office, Byculla.
No reason will be assigned for the rejection of any Tender.
W. P. WALSHE, Captain,
Superintendent, House of Correction,
and Governor, Government Workhouse.
Jail Office, Byculla, February 27th, 1886.

TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY of the MATERIALS mentioned below for Police uniform.
4,500 yards of Coarse Blue Broadcloth.
50 yards of Red Broadcloth.
850 yards of Turkey Red for trimming.
18,500 yards of Dark Blue Jaconets or Turbans in pieces of either 7, 14, or 21 yards long and 2 feet broad after being dyed.
Samples with breadth of material and price per yard distinctly marked thereon should be sent to the undersigned, and it should be stated within what period after receipt of order the material can be supplied. The price quoted should be for delivery at Amraoti Railway Station.
C. T. LANE, Lieut.-Col.,
Inspector-General of Police,
H. A. D.
Amraoti, 27th February, 1886.

COMMISSARIAT NOTICE No. 22.
TENDERS will be received by the Executive Commissariat Officer at Bombay, at 11-30 a.m., on the 11th March, 1886, for Professional Auctioneers willing to sell Government stores from 1st April, 1886, to 31st March, 1887.
No reason will be assigned for the rejection of the lowest or any Tender.
No Tender will be received or attended to unless accompanied by the necessary Earnest-money in Treasury Receipt for Rupees (100) one hundred only.
No Earnest-money in cash will be received.
In the event of Earnest-money being deposited in the Treasury, and a Tender not being submitted, the Earnest-money will be forfeited to Government.
The form of agreement which the successful Tenderer or Tenderers will have to execute may be seen on application at this office.
JOHN HIBBERT, Lieut.-Col.
Executive Commissariat Officer, Bombay.
Executive Commissariat Office, Bombay, 24th February, 1886.

COMMISSARIAT NOTICE No. 21.
THE Executive Commissariat Officer at Bombay invites SEALED TENDERS for the supply of PUNKHA PULLERS under Schedule No. 50 from 15th April, 1886, up to 30th November, 1886.
Tenders will be received up to 11-30 a.m. of THURSDAY, the 11th March, 1886, only, when they will be opened in this Office in the presence of such of the Tenderers as may attend.
Persons desirous of undertaking the Contracts can obtain, on application at this Office, printed forms of Tenders, Schedules of the Articles to be supplied, and any other information they may require connected with the Contracts, and the conditions the Tenderers must abide by to prevent their Tenders being treated as *informal*.
No reasons will be assigned for the rejection of the lowest or any Tender.
No Tender will be received or attended to unless accompanied by the necessary Earnest-money in Treasury Receipt, viz., 2½ per cent. on the estimated value of the Contract.
No Earnest-money in cash will be received.
Further Security deposit on acceptance of the Tender must be furnished either in Cash, Government Loan Papers, Bombay Municipal Bonds, or Bombay Port Trust Debentures to the extent of ten per cent. calculated on the value of the probable quantity of supplies to be delivered.
In the event of Earnest-money being deposited in the Treasury and a Tender not being submitted, the Earnest-money will be forfeited to Government.
JOHN HIBBERT, Lieut.-Col,
Executive Commissariat Officer Presidency.
Bombay, Ex. Comst. Office, 24th February, 1886.

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OWING to the state of the weather the MEET THIS WEEK has been ALTERED to "THE KENNELS," at 6 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY MORNING.
The last Meet of the Season will take place at Andheri, as advertised, and a special train will run.

NOTICE is hereby given that the PARTNERSHIP formerly carried on by the undersigned under the name of "DONALD HENESSEY and COWPER" was DISSOLVED so far as the interest of the said RICHARD HENESSEY was concerned on the 1st day of November, 1884, and that the partnership thereafter carried on between the undersigned, JAMES DONALD and JOHN COWPER, under the said name of DONALD HENESEY and COWPER, has been DISSOLVED as from the 1st day of February, 1886, and that the business of Engineers and Iron Founders heretofore carried on by them at the Ripon Iron Works, Frere Road, Bombay, will in future be continued by the undersigned JAMES DONALD alone at the same place under the name of DONALD and COMPANY.
JAMES DONALD.
RICHARD HENESEY,
by his attorney G. Claridge,
JOHN COWPER.
Bombay, 1st March, 1886.

NOTE.—With reference to the above, it is hereby notified that Mr. JAMES DONALD alone is AUTHORIZED to collect the outstandings of the late firm of DONALD HENESEY and COWPER, and that he will discharge all debts due by the said firm.
JAMES DONALD.
RICHARD HENESEY,
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JOHN COWPER.

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PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF LIFE ASSURANCE ARE NOT LIABLE T

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Polo on the Maidan, 5 p.m.
Gaiety Theatre, 9 p.m.
Alfred Theatre, 9 p.m.

VESSELS ARRIVED.—The following vessels arrived on the 28th:—Euphrates, from Sydney. Yesterday:—Kt. of St. John (s), from Cardiff.

VESSELS SAILED.—The following vessels sailed yesterday:—U. Hallulho, s., for Genoa, &c.; Airy Peasa, Mozambique; Brenda (s), Port Said and Hull; and Dragomar (s), Hull.

A VAGRANT.—Charles Ingles, a European, was yesterday declared a vagrant by Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee, and was ordered to be sent to the Government Workhouse.

BOMBAY NATIVE DISPENSARY.—The statement for February shows that the daily average attendance was 29·036, admissions 1,569, and the prevailing diseases, fevers 336, and bowel-complaints 281.

NUSSERWANJEE M. PETIT DISPENSARY.—The statement for February shows that the daily average attendance was 194, admissions 1,881, and the prevailing diseases, fever, stomach, and bowel-complaints.

REPORTED THEFT.—Toolseedas Juminadas, residing at Bhoiwada-street, has reported to the police the theft of gold ornaments, valued at Rs. 525, from the drawer of his cupboard, during his absence at a wedding ceremony at Majumody, on Saturday last.

POLO.—The game this afternoon is—Colors—Major Beaver, Mr. Craigie. Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Holland, Mr. Pease, *vs.* White—Mr. Barton, Captain Hodgkinson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Judge, Captain Phayre. Play to begin at 5 p.m. In order to have four-a-side, players will have to sit out by turn.

DEATH FROM NATURAL CAUSES.—A coroner's inquest was held yesterday at H. M.'s House of Correction on the body of Goolum Nubbee Mohideen, aged 27 years. Deceased was a prisoner in the jail undergoing a term of eighteen months' rigorous imprisonment. He was admitted into the Jail Hospital on the 21st January last, suffering from acute bronchitis, and died from its effects on Sunday night. The verdict was that the death of the deceased was caused by bronchitis.

THEFT OF PORT TRUST PROPERTY.—Shaik Mahomed Babasaheb, a moulder employed at the Port Trust Workshops at Clerk Bunder, Mazagon, was yesterday convicted by Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee of stealing a quantity of brass, weighing about 20 lbs., valued at Rs. 24-15-0, the property of the Port Trust. On Saturday evening the accused was arrested at the gate of the workshops with the stolen property concealed on his person. He pleaded guilty to the charge, and was sentenced to a term of three months' rigorous imprisonment.

H. E. LADY REAY AT THE BAI BHIKAJEE SHAPURJEE BENGALI SCHOOL.—H. E. Lady Reay, accompanied by General Sir Robert Phayre, Miss Boyne and Captain B. Hamilton, visited the Parsee Girls' Fort School, situated in the handsome building know by the name of Bai Bhikajee Shapurjee Bengali School. The party was received by the members of the managing committee. There were also present Miss Manockjee Cursetjee and Mrs. Jehangir Dossabhoy Framjee. Lady Reay, showed great interest in the working of the institution and asked the girls several test questions in geography and history. Lady Reay was then presented by a tiny little girl of the school with a bunch of flowers, and a price of gold embroidered lace prepared by a student.

THE HYDERABAD FORESTS.—On the recommendation of the Conservator of Forests, the Nizam's Government have given orders that all jungle between Mutwara and Khummum-mett, within five miles of either side of the new line, is to be reserved strictly for the supply of railway fuel; and to give further effect to this order, the Conservator has directed that no wood of *any* description be cut within the above limits, so that all excuse for entering the jungle by any one, except it be to collect fuel for cooking purposes, is completely removed. The advantage of this will be apparent hereafter when the line to Beswada comes to be opened.—*Deccan Herald.*

ORIENTAL BANK NOTES IN JAPAN.—The New Oriental Bank Corporation (Limited) are issuing one dollar notes, inscribed "Receipt of Money at Call." As the Government for some time past have been creating an artificial scarcity of paper *yen*, this move on the part of the bank will tend in some degree to keep and prevent from rising above par, which might be apprehended, on account of the convenience of paper over specie. We should not be surprised, if, under existing circumstances, the bank were to succeed in getting some lakhs of its new paper into circulation. No one wants to pay *notes* now when convertible notes, payable on demand, can be had at the same price.—*Japan Herald.*

ROBBING A CHILD.—Inspector Fido charged Shewjee Ramjee, a noted thief, before Mr. Ryan with stealing an ornament and a cap from a child. The accused went on to a verandah where he saw a little boy in charge of a baby. Giving the little fellow a cap he took him away to the other end, and while he was away availed himself of the opportunity and took from the baby an ornament and a fancy cap which adorned its head. When the lad returned he could not find the accused, and finding the ornament and cap gone from in charge, he told his master, who informed the police. Prisoner was subsequently arrested. He pleaded guilty, and said he was drunk when he committed the offence. He was sentenced, admitting previous convictions, to eighteen months' hard labour in the House of Correction.

DEPARTURE OF SHRIMAT PARMAHANSA PANDIT KESHANAND SWAMI.—This learned Pandit, who had been amongst the Hindoo community of this city for some time, and who lately lectured at the University Hall, Mahadev Bhag, and several other places on various topics of social importance to India, left yesterday evening by the Ahmedabad mail train, from the Grant Road railway station, accompanied by fifteen followers, on a pilgrimage to Dwarka. A large number of his devotees, consisting of several Hindoo sects followed his carriage up to the Grant Road station with torch lights and a band of native musicians, from the Bhooleshwar temple. The Pandit breaks his journey at Broach, where he remains for three days, and will be the guest of Mr. Chunilali, and from thence he will go on to Baroda, and then to Dwarka.

THEFT.—At the Fort Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Ryan, Inspector Dillon charged Pandoo Bhao with stealing an ornament from a little girl. The accused, while knocking about the lanes in Khetwady, met a little girl and commenced talking to her. Noticing an ornament round her neck he promptly tore it off her neck and bolted. Fortunately he was seen by a Parsee lad who pursued him. A sepoy stopped the thief, and took him into custody. On searching him he found the ornament in pieces. The prisoner stoutly denied the charge, and pertinently questioned the witnesses, especially the sepoy. However, the magistrate convicted him on the evidence, and to him he admitted serving a period of seven years in jail on a conviction for contempt of court. Inspector Dillon stated that since the prisoner's release from jail in 1880 he lived a very dissolute life, gambling away everything he had. Mr. Ryan sent the accused to jail for six calendar months.

THE RECENT ELOPEMENT WITH A PARSEE GIRL.—Hormusjee Dorabjee, the father of the Parsee girl named Rattonbai, who eloped from Bombay with a Goanese lad named DeMello DeCosta, to Goa, appeared yesterday at the Girgaum Police Court before Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee, when the letter received by the Commissioner of Police from the Portuguese Government at Goa was explained to him. It stated that the accused was a Portuguese subject, but the complainant declined to believe that statement. Mr. Grennan, acting Superintendent of Police, E Division, where the offence was committed, on being questioned by the magistrate stated he had no time to make inquiries. The magistrate directed Mr. Grennan to institute the necessary inquiries and to report the result on Wednesday. If it appeared that the accused was a British subject a representation would be made, through the Bombay Government, to the authorities at Goa: if otherwise, the magistrate said the complainant would have to prosecute the charge at Goa.

LIFE ASSURANCE IN INDIA.—Referring to the last annual report of the Oriental Life Assurance Company, the *Civil and Military Gazette* says:—"Commenced only eleven years ago, in rather a small way, the company has extended most steadily, until it is now the eleventh, as regards new business, of all the British offices. That it should, in that time, have outstripped forty-two offices which have been established for periods varying from twenty-one to seventy-nine years, speaks well for the energy of its management. No doubt a great deal of this success depends upon the vastness of the field opening out to offices assuring picked lives among the natives of India. Some people had doubts as to whether such lives could be assured at the same rate of premium as is charged on European lives in India, but the experience of the Oriental Life Office seems to have settled that question beyond dispute; the death-rate hitherto having been much below the expectation upon which the calculations of the office were based. It is not for us to laud the Oriental Life Office above any of the offices competing for business in India; but, seeing it is a purely Indian concern, we cannot but rejoice in the success that has attended its establishment."

GREAT FIRE AT GOA.

A FIRE broke out at the Zatra Fair at Mandhol (Goa), and 11 shops were burnt with all their contents. The loss is calculated at about one lakh of rupees. Great disorder prevailed, and some of the roughs availed themselves of the confusion to carry away many valuable articles. Many persons have been injured. The cause of the fire was the burning of a cord by which a kerosine-oil lamp was hung up.

HIGH COURT.—MARCH 1.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice BAYLEY.)

A MAHOMEDAN DIVORCE SUIT.

ESSA HAJEE MALADINA *vs.* REHMABAI.

THE plaintiff in this suit seeks for a divorce. Mr. Macpherson and Mr. Mahomed Hakim, instructed by Messr. Payne, Gilbert and Sayani, appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. Dhairyavan and Mr. Sunjana, instructed by Mr. Mirza Hoosein Khan, appeared for the defendant.

The plaintiff says that he was married to the defendant about twenty years ago, and had issue by her one daughter named Fafabai, who was born about seventeen years ago. About fifteen years ago the plaintiff married a second wife, named Hawabai, and continued to live together with both his wives for some time, after which the defendant, in consequence of a disagreement with Hawabai, left the plaintiff's house, and demanded a separate allowance for her maintenance. In September, 1877, she took out a summons from the magistrate's court for the purpose of obtaining a separate allowance; and the plaintiff, in order to avoid the disgrace of proceedings in a police court, agreed to allow the defendant a sum of Rs. 25 a month and two suits of silk every year, on condition that she should live with the plaintiff, or in a house provided for her, and not go to the house of her relations either in Bombay or elsewhere, without the consent of the plaintiff, as would be seen from an agreement of the 9th September, 1876. For a short time after the agreement the defendant continued to live in the plaintiff's house, but there was so much disagreement between the defendant and the second wife, that the plaintiff was at last obliged to provide separate lodging for the defendant, in which she lived for about two years, after which she left Bombay for Poona, without the plaintiff's knowledge or consent. In 1879 the defendant filed a suit against the plaintiff in the Court of Small Causes, to recover the sum of Rs. 900, as the alleged arrears of the maintenance allowance under the plaintiff's agreement. The suit was decided by arbitration, and the defendant ultimately obtained a decree for Rs. 114-8. In February, 1880, the defendant filed another suit to recover her allowance for four months, and obtained a decree, although she had not acted according to the terms of the said agreement. In August, 1880, she filed a third suit, and obtained a decree for six months' maintenance. The plaintiff being completely tired of these legal proceedings, and finding that the defendant sets him at defiance, determined to divorce her, which he did on the 26th August, 1880, in the presence of a number of witnesses, and at the same time delivered to the defendant a divorce paper. In October, 1881, she filed a fourth suit for Rs. 350 and obtained a decree, the judge of the Small Cause Court holding that the plaintiff and defendant had no power to make such an agreement as before mentioned and set it aside. On the 25th November, 1881, the plaintiff sent a formal divorce paper to the defendant under the seal of the Cazee of Bombay. He submitted that ever since the 25th August, 1880, when he divorced the defendant, she ceased to be his wife and was no longer entitled to be maintained by him. Under these circumstances he prayed for a divorce and his costs of the suit.

The defendant denied that she had ever been guilty of misconduct, and said that the plaintiff and his second wife and the latter's son had behaved with such cruelty towards her as to render her life perfectly miserable, and to compel her to seek safety with relations for a short time. She and her husband both belonged to the Cutchee Memon community, and according to the laws, usage, and customs of that community, it was not competent to the plaintiff to divorce the defendant. She claimed the sum claimed.

Mr Sunjana: We can prove, my Lord, that a man cannot divorce his wife for any other reason than adultery, and that when he puts her away for any other reason, he is obliged to give her money for her maintenance.

His Lordship: Well, you have not proved that as yet.

Mr. Sunjana: We are not in a position to prove that the consent of the *jamat* is necessary.

His Lordship: If you can't give any further evidence it is not worth going on with the case.

Mr. Sunjana: What we want to prove is, that among Cutchee Memons, almost all the divorce cases were on the ground of adultery.

His Lordship: That may be, but that does not exclude any other ground.

Mr. Sunjana: In this case there is no such ground as adultery.

His Lordship: According to Mahomedan law you don't want any ground at all. You only want the wish of the parties. If you can prove what you say, Mr. Sunjana, call evidence, otherwise I shall decide the case.

Mr. Macpherson: The last witness called by my learned friend completely disposed of that question, for the witness said that a man can divorce his wife if she does not live with him.

The case for the defendant was then closed.

Mr. Macpherson then called Syed Muksoor Ali, the deputy Cazee of Bombay, who cited several cases in which Cutchee Memons obtained a divorce for other grounds than adultery.

Mr Macpherson: What are the other grounds?—Disturbances, disagreements, etc.

Mr. Macpherson: Do you keep a register of the divorces, stating the reasons for which divorce was given?—Yes.

Witness mentioned the case of a Cutchee Memon divorcing a wife who was a Surati

His lordship: That marriage was not legal then, the woman being a Hindu.

Mr. Macpherson: My learned friend, Mr. Hakim, tells me they can marry a Christian or a Jewess.

Mr. Hakim: Mahomedans can marry the people of the book, my lord, that is, Christians and Jews, but they cannot marry Hindus.

A Cutchee Memon, named Arab Chotani, said that about eighteen months ago he divorced his wife because she was disobedient. He gave her Rs. 25 and, according to the usual custom, repeated three times the words I have given you *talak*, after which she went away and gave him no more trouble.

Mr Sunjana: How old was the wife you divorced?—About twenty years old.

If she had been an old wife you would not have so easily been able to divorce her?—Yes, I would have been if she was disobedient.

Is it not the custom that when you divorce an old wife you must make provision for her maintenance?—No. My divorced wife recently married another man.

Two other Cutchee Memons were also called and said that they had divorced their wives for disobedience They called a few people together to bear witness to the divorce, returned their wives' dowries, and then sent them away. They gave them no maintenance, and had not been troubled by them since The jamatkhana did not interfere in the matter. In both these cases the disobedience consisted of the wives refusing to have sexual relations and others against the wish of the husbands.

Mr. Sunjana having concluded his address to the court, his lordship said he would not trouble Mr. Macpherson for a reply, but proceed to give judgment. His lordship said that this was absolutely an undefended case, and the custom that was set up by the defendant was not proved. According to Mahomedan law, a Mahomedan can divorce his wife without giving any reasons. The last witness called by the defendant said that there was no such custom that a man could not divorce his wife except for adultery. The question as to whether Cutchee Memons regarded the Cazee as their *guru* or spiritual guide, it was to be remembered that the spiritual guide was not understood by them in the same sense as the Khojas understood it, for the latter had preserved their Hindu customs three hundred years after conversion to Mahomedaniam. His lordship saw no reason to vary the decision laid down by Sir Michael Westrop, late Chief Justice, in the case tried by him in 1871, and reported in Indian Law Reports, 6 Bombay. Under these circumstances, his lordship said he would decide in the affirmative, and for the plaintiff, the following issues raised in the case: Whether, according to the custom of the Cutchee Memon community, the plaintiff was competent to divorce the defendant? Whether the defendant has been validly divorced by the plaintiff? Whether the plaintiff was entitled to the relief claimed, that it may be declared that the defendant ceased to be the wife of the plaintiff ever since the 25th November, 1881, and that the plaintiff was no longer bound to maintain the defendant?

Mr. Macpherson said that his client did not want costs, but he was instructed to apply for a decree, with costs, so as to act as a means of preventing the defendant from giving any annoyance.

A decree with costs was then given for the plaintiff.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY.

BOMBAY, 28th February, 1886.

Means of observations at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah.	29·857
Temperature of the Air	79·0
Wet Bulb Thermometer	72·1
Dew Point	69·2
Relative humidity of Air	·729
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=10).	0·0
Maximum temperature of air (read at 5 p.m.)	84·9
Minimum do. do (read at 10 a.m.)	71·0
General Directions of Wind*	NNW, N, NE, NW, NNW,
Movement of wind in 24 hours*	345

* From midnight to midnight.

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THE WEAK DEFENCES OF MADRAS.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the *Madras Mail*:—"People have almost forgotten the last Russian scare, although but a few months old; at the time, however, many must have wondered what would happen if a Russian cruiser appeared off Madras. Would the six 9-inch guns, in their barbette batteries, have rendered a good account of her? To that question, supposing her to have been a moderately powerful vessel, I would unhesitatingly answer 'no.' To begin with, 9-inch guns are not very powerful weapons as compared with the breech-loading Kruppsone might expect to meet with on a first-class cruiser. These 9-inch guns are, too, mounted on scattered barbette batteries almost on the water-line. It is evident, therefore, that an armoured vessel fighting them, while under steam, would have every thing in her favour, as these batteries possess none of those advantages which are given by casemates fronted with iron, or by superior command. A cruiser, too, would find it her best policy to fight the batteries at short range in order that she might make use of the fire of her machine guns, to which the Nos. 2 and 3 at each of the guns in the batteries would be terribly exposed while loading. Then, too, a vessel might attack, say, the 'Napier Battery,' first from the St. Thomé side, when she would be very little exposed to the fire of the other two batteries, both from the long range and from the difficulty of getting a clear view, owing to intervening objects. So she would be able to direct her whole fire on the battery first attacked, and so crush all three in detail. Madras, to protect it effectually, should be defended by casemated batteries fronted with iron, and armed with guns of large calibre, either 12-inch B. L., of 43 tons, or 12-5 inch M. L., of 38 tons. These 9-inch barbette batteries, without any command to counterbalance the great exposure to gun detachments, inevitable with this form of fortification, are a snare and a delusion; and if the suppositious cruiser ever does appear off the coast with, say, 25 hours to 'work his wicked will' in, then—woe to Madras!"

THE BANGALORE LIBEL CASE.

ACTION AGAINST A BOMBAY AGENT.

MR. JAMES GRAHAM SCOTT, of the firm of James Scott and Co., of Bombay, Agents of the Maharajah of Mysore Spinning and Manufacturing Company, Limited, appeared on Tuesday morning at the Bangalore Court before Colonel W. Hill, Justice of the Peace, in answer to a summons obtained at the instance of Mr. Murray Gungiah, Mysore Anche Bukshee, on the plea that Mr. Scott had intentionally insulted and defamed him.

Mr. E. Sidney Smith, Advocate, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. J. W. Hayes, Junior, Barrister-at-law, for the defence.

On the case being called Mr. Sidney Smith said that, in this case, plaintiff did not come into court with any vindictiveness, and if Mr. Scott would acknowledge that he had called Mr. Murray Gungiah a liar, and express his regret for the same, his client would willingly withdraw the case. This offer was rejected by Mr. Scott, and the case proceeded.

Murry Gungiah was then called. He is the Anche Bukshee—or Chief Director of Post Offices—of the Mysore State; he is also a Government Director of the Maharajah's of Mysore Spinning and Manufacturing Company, Limited, and a shareholder therein. On the 27th January last he attended a meeting of the directors of the above-named company. Mr. Scott was present. That meeting was called to discuss certain matters, of which Mr. Scott, the then secretary, had a memorandum. One of those matters was a charge or claim made by Mr. Scott for extras of machinery for the mill, for which Mr Scott claimed the sum of Rs. 15,568 rupees. Witness objected to the purchase of these extras, on the ground that the company had already paid three lakhs of rupees for the machinery, and it was premature to call upon the company to meet such a demand at the present time. He stated that Mr Scott's firm were bound by contract to keep the mill properly equipped for three months, at their own expense. Further, that Rs. 6,000 was an item included in the three lakhs, and that that Rs. 6,000 had been already paid for such extras. Witness had observed that Mr. Scott should have included these extras, as he knew from experience the requirements of mills. An allusion was made by complainant to the specification. Mr. Scott replied that he had prepared the specification, and witness referred him to his signature attached to the contract,—"James Scott and Co., by his Attorney, Shapoorjee Burjorjee." He (witness) had a copy of the specification in his hand at the meeting. Mr. Scott denied that he had prepared the specification, saying he was in England when it was prepared. Witness continued to maintain that it had been prepared by Mr. Scott, as the contract bond bore the name of his firm. Mr. Scott then called him (witness) "a liar." Witness called the attention of the chairman to the objectionable term used, and desired him to request the secretary to record the fact in the minute book. Witness was provoked and annoyed at being called a liar, and he told Mr. Scott that he would take out an action against him. Extracts were then read from the minutes of proceedings of various meetings of the directors of the company.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hayes.—This very paper (the copy Mr. Murray Gungiah had in his hand at the meeting, and now produced in court, and marked "C") was handed round at the meeting; it was placed on the table, before the board, by witness. Witness did not say to Mr. Scott "you wrote it." Said twice "you prepared it." Mr. Scott did not say "Mr. Murray Gungiah, if you persist in saying I wrote this I shall be obliged to say you are telling a lie." Witness said Mr. Scott had prepared it, as it was signed by his firm. Did not shake the paper in Mr. Scott's face. Mr. Scott said at once "it was in the office when I went to Europe." To the best of witness's recollection the original contract was on the table. When witness said he (Mr. Scott) prepared the specification, Mr. Scott called him a liar. Felt annoyed and angry at being called a liar, and did not like committing a breach of the peace, as Mr. Scott was a much stronger man than himself. Did not take action for some time. Thought that Mr. Scott as a gentleman would have apologized; waited for the apology. Attended the meeting on the 1st February and met Mr. Scott there. Mr. Scott held out his hand to witness, and witness took it. Believes that Mr. Scott did pat him on the back at that time. Did not show that he was offended with Mr. Scott, and did not refuse to sit on the board with him. Witness knows Mr. Ricketts, and spoke to that gentleman about this case. Mr. Ricketts advised witness to file this case.

Mr. James Graham Scott admitted having called Mr. Murray Gungiah a liar, but he had made use of the term under great and aggressive provocation.

Examined by Mr. Hayes.—Accused is a merchant. That document (Mr. Murray Gungiah's "copy") shown to him is in his handwriting, nor is it in the handwriting of his attorney. It is simply a production of Mr. Murray Gungiah, and was not before the board. The business of the meeting was just about finished when Mr. Murray Gungiah became very obstructive, and took up this paper across the table, and said, in a very offensive way, "you prepared and wrote that." Accused said it had not been prepared nor written by him or his attorneys. Mr Murray Gungiah said, again very offensively, "you did." Accused replied "If you repeat that, Mr. Murray Gungiah, I shall be obliged to say you are telling a lie." Complainant then got very excited, shook the paper across the table at accused, and said "you did write it," whereupon accused said "No,—you're a liar." He then said he would take action, on which he (accused) asked him to show him the paper he held, and accused marked it, for future identification. Had no intention to insult Mr. Murray Gungiah, and did not intentionally insult him. Gave him no provocation, but complainant gave him provocation by saying "you wrote that." Met Mr. Murray Gungiah at the next meeting, shook hands with him, and patted him on the shoulder, and told him not to be obstructive in future. He accepted this friendly token.

Mr. Sreeniwasiengar, chairman of the board of directors, gave corroborative evidence.

Mr. W. South, Secretary of the Maharajah of Mysore Spinning and Manufacturing Company, was also called. In regard to the specification held by the complainant, witness said that Mr. Scott had denied having prepared it.

Mr. Murray Gungiah became very excited; he repeated that Mr. Scott had prepared the document. Mr. Scott said "If you repeat that, I shall be obliged," or "under the necessity of—calling you a liar." Mr. Murray Gungiah said again "you prepared it," or words to that effect. Then Mr. Scott said "you're a liar, you're a liar, you're a liar," I think he said "you're a liar" three times.

His honour then proceeded to read out his judgment, which was to the effect that everything in the evidence went to show that the complainant had good reason for objecting at the meeting that the extras for which Mr. Scott claimed payment had been included in the specification. Mr. Scott had taken offence at Mr. Murray Gungiah having said that the specification he held in his hand had been prepared by him; but there did not appear to have been any great amount of provocation. Mr. Scott had clearly been guilty of intentional insult. He had announced his intention to insult by saying "If you say that again, I shall be obliged to call you a liar." And he had made the insult worse by calling complainant a liar three times. This was an insult that was likely, according to law, to lead to a breach of the peace. The complainant had not broken the peace, but he had appealed to the chairman and threatened an action. His honour admitted that the shaking hands was in some measure a condonation of the offence. Therefore he should pass a very light sentence. Mr. Scott had intentionally insulted a native gentleman of good standing. He found him, James Graham Scott, guilty of the offence under section 504, I. P. C., and sentenced him to pay a fine of rupees fifty, or, in default, to be imprisoned for seven days. Further to pay the complainant's process fees, &c.

The fine was immediately paid.

Mr. J. W. Hayes, Junior, then notified to the court that he would apply for a warrant against Mr. Murray Gungiah for perjury. Mr. Murray Gungiah had stated in his evidence that the copy of the specification he held in his hand was passed round to the directors at the meeting, whereas all the witnesses had sworn that it was not passed round; but that Mr. Murray Gungiah held it in his hand the whole time.

Mr. Sidney Smith said that this was a malicious application.

His Lordship took little or no notice of the matter beyond warning to the evidence.

Mr. Hayes said he would make a formal application.—*Bangalore Spectator.*

SEIZURE OF A CHINESE TRADER.

THE eight men belonging to a Chinese gunboat, who were arrested for landing and seizing a Chinese trader in a house in the City of Victoria, and putting him in irons with the intention of taking him away on their vessel, have been discharged by the magistrate, Mr. Mitchell-Innes, on the ground that an apology had been received for their action through the British *Charge d'Affaires* at Peking. The telegram from Peking stated that the Governor-General of Foochow, who appears to be the official responsible, had been ordered to express his regret for the action taken to the Hongkong Government. The expression of regret has not yet been received, and in the meantime a warrant has been granted for the arrest of the man seized by the gunboat's crew on a charge of piracy and murder in Chinese territory. The case has been before the magistrate, but has been remanded without any evidence having been produced.

THE SOCIALIST DEMONSTRATION IN LONDON.

THE police, who must be held responsible for the recent outburst of socialist fanaticism in London, cannot say that they had not been warned. A few days before the great demonstration in Trafalgar-square, a meeting was held in the Holborn Town Hall, and addressed by Champion Hyndman, Burn and Williams. Champion occupied the chairs and said they were not present to discuss the causes of the distress, but how to find employment (cheers, and cries of "We want work, and we don't want charity"). Private charity had broken down from the strain which had been brought upon it, and outdoor relief could not be a wise means of trying to tide over the distress.

Hyndman announcing that he was a revolutionary Social Democrat, and that the present organisation of society divided people into the employers and the employed—the wealthy and the poor—the robbers and the robbed—he said that Socialists did not desire disturbance, or they would not make constructive proposals like they were making that night; but disturbance would assuredly come unless attention was paid to such meetings as that. Every man on the platform was ready to face danger on this subject if necessary. They asked that the poor of London should be housed in a decent manner, and that those who were out of work should be employed in so doing. He proceeded to propose a scheme for the Metropolitan Board of Works to employ 500,000*l.* for this purpose amongst the trades of London, without the intervention of contractors when they could work and be employed—the wealthy and the poor—the robbers and the robbed—he said that Socialists did not desire disturbance, or they would not make constructive proposals like they were making that night; but disturbance would assuredly come unless attention was paid to such meetings as that. Every man on the platform was ready to face danger on this subject if necc

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

MONDAY EVENING, MAR. 1.

THE only alterations reported by Reuter in his closing telegrams from London of Saturday's date are in Indian Securities, the 3½ per cent. Sterling Loan being ¼ higher at 102¾, while Rupee Paper has declined ½, 4 per cent. to 73½, 4½ to 75¾.

MONEY.—In the open market there has been no material change of position. The tendency is no doubt towards higher rates but the movement is very gradual. The statement of the Bank of Bombay for the weak ending on Saturday shows a further decrease in the Cash Balance of 7 lakhs, the increase in the trade demand being upwards of 14 lakhs. Details of the changes in the different accounts are :—

Public Deposits at Head Office	Inc. Rs.	3,10,824
Do. Do. Branches	Inc. ,,	1,08,330
Other Deposits	Dec. ,,	11,38,216
Government Securities	Dec. ,,	1,958
Loans	Inc. ,,	1,44,140
Bills Discounted	Dec. ,,	54,723
Cash with other Banks	Dec. ,,	2,60,998
Cash and Currency Notes	Dec. ,,	7,00,068

EXCHANGE.—Firmer advices from Calcutta have exercised a steadying influence here to-day, and in Bank Paper rates are advanced 1-32d. The amount of private bills offering continues small, which acts as a drag always on any upward movement. Closing rates are :—

Bank Bills on demand	1s. 6d.	per rupee.
Do. Telegraphic	1s 6 1-32d.	,,
Do. Three months' sight	1s. 6 1-16d.	,,
Credits ,, ,, ,,	1s. 6 3-32d.	,,
Francs ,, ,, ,,	1-91¾	,,

GOVERNMENT Paper continues weak, and Fours for cash are down to Rs. 97 7-16. Fours-and-a-half are still nominal at Rs. 101.

SHARES are unchanged, except in Spinning and Weaving mills, which are again partially dearer. Coorla, Jewraz Balloo and Ripon are quoted Rs. 10 higher, and all round Mill shares are firmly held.

COTTON is exceedingly dull, and transactions for export to-day have been very few, shipments for February being completed. Bhownuggers are beginning to show signs of weakness, and Broach also is offering on easier terms without attracting buyers. The following are quoted prices :—

	Rs.	per candy.
Good Bengals	148	,,
,, Omras	156	,,
,, Do. (Staple cotton)	161	,,
,, Broach, March	189	,,
,, Do. April	187	,,
,, Dholleras-Bhowngar	167	,,
,, Do May	166	,,

WHEAT is unchanged. We quote No. 1 Soft White at Rs. 3-13-6 April, Rs. 3-13-3 for May, No. 1 Club Delhi for May Rs. 3-11-9 per cwt. At a concession of ¼ anna per cwt. there would be buyers, but sellers in the meantime wont give way.

LINSEED is lower at Rs. 6-6 ready, Rs. 6-1 per cwt. for May delivery. Other seeds are unaltered.

FREIGHTS are quiet, and in some instances a trifle easier. The s s. Knight Errant is reported fixed for Antwerp at 18s. 9d. for this month's loading, but otherwise we have not heard of much being done. Quotations are :—

	Ready	Cotton.	Wheat.
Liverpool	,,	17-6	15
London	,,	20-0	
Open Charter	,,	18-9 to 20-0	
Havre	,,	20-0	
Dunkirk	,,	18-9 to 20-0	
Antwerp	,,	18-9 to 20-0	
Marseilles	,,	18-9 to 20-0	
Trieste, Venice	,,	26-3 to 27-6 at 2s.	

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LISTS.

BANKS.

	Shares.	Amt.	Paid up	Last Dividend.	Cash. Rate.
INDIAN BANKS.	20,000		Rs.		Rs.
Bank of Bombay	42,000	Rs.	all	2½ p.c.	715xd
Bank of Bengal	10,000	500	all	10 do.	821
Bank of Madras		500	all	5 do.	387½
EXCHANGE BANKS.	10,000	£	£		
Agra Bank		£	1	6 do.	13⅛
Hong-kong and Shang. B. Corporation	10,000	100	all	17½ do.	466
National Bank of India	37,320	$125		5 pct.	110
		250			

PRESS COMPANIES.

Akbar Cotton	200	1,250	1,250	..	990
Akola Press Co.	80	500	500	Rs. 50	4
Albert Ginning Co.	100	500	500	Rs. 45	42
Albert Press Co., Kurrachee	100	1,100	1,100	Rs. 175	1,050xd
Apollo Press Co. (small shares)	750	400	400	Rs. 2	285
Bellary	620	1,000	1,000	Rs. 25	340
Broach Cawnpore P. Co., Ld.	500	200	200	Rs. 16	170
Bombay Cotton Press.	1,000	125	125	..	210
Colaba Press Co.	50	1,880	1,880	Rs. 600	750
Dhollera P. & G. Co.	500	300	300	12	165xd
East India Press Co.	700	1,000	1,000	Rs. 10	280
Fort Press Co.	150	8,500	8,500	Rs. 150	2,575
French Press Co.	300	500	500	Rs. 40	625
Harvey & Sabapathy Co., Ld.	150	500	500	Rs. 25	40
Khamgaum Cotton Press Co.	240	500	400	Rs. 40	445
Manmar Manfg. Co	1,000	250	250	Rs. 10	245
Mercantile Press	1,500	125	125	..	125
Mofussil Co.	3,125	400	400	..	415
New Berar Cotton Ginning & Press Co.	1,250	500	500	..	565
New Broach Cotton Ginning & Press Co.	1,400	100	500	..	1
New Indian Press	4,000	125	125	..	142½
Prince of W. Press	600	500	10	Rs. 30	565
Sabapathy Press Co., Ld., (Bellary.)	500	500	50	Rs. 7½	450
Sind Press Co.	700	2,000	75	Rs. 7	655
Sind & Punjaub Cotton Press Co.	100	1,000	1,000	Rs. 10	1,200
Samaye Press Co.	300	500	500	..	1
Volkart Press Co.	450	1,000	1,000	Rs. 2	750

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

Ahmedabad S. & W. Company	1,308	1,000	1,000	..	1,375
Albert Edward Cotton Mills Co., Ld.	1,000	500	50	..	447½
Anglo-Indian S. & W. Company	9 345	100	100	..	112
Alfred Manfg. Co.	1,000	500	500	..	335
AllianceCotton & Silk Manufg. Co., Ld.	1,800	1,000	1,000	..	780
Bellary S. & W. Co., Ld.	871	500	all	Rs. 22½	480
Bhurgry Sugar Mills	9,000	100	100	..	9
Bo. Cotton Mfg Co., Ld.	600	500	500	..	435
Bombay United	900	1,000	1,000	..	1020
Berar Mfg. Co., Ld.	2,750	200	27	..	160
Central India S. & W. Company	3,000	500	50	Rs. 30	780
Colaba Land & Mill Co.	4,000	700	700	Rs. 175	705
Connaught Mills	840	500	500	..	670
Coorla Mills	1,500	1,000	1,000	..	735
City of Bombay Shares	595	1,000	1,000	..	995
Dharumsey S. & W. Co	3,000	2,000	2,000	..	1075
Dhuni Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	..	1,020
Empress S. & W. Co.	1,500	5	5	Rs. 25	725xd
Framji Petit Mfg. Co.	1,250	1,000	1,000	..	710
Golam Baba S. Co.	1,000	5	5	..	30
Gordon Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	..	130
Hindustan Mills	1,200	1	1	..	915
Hingunghat Mill Co.	1,000	50	50	..	50
Hydrabad Spinning Co.	700	1,000	1,000	Rs. 3	1,060
Impl. Cotton Mills Co.	4,000	5	5	36	180
Indian Manufg Co. Ld.	6,000	1,000	1,000	Rs. 30	1,175
James Greaves Mills	1,000	50	50	..14-5-7	5.0
Jaffer Ali Spin. Co.	1,340	5	5	..	40
Jewraz Bhalloo	1,500	1,000	1,000	..	1,100
Khandesh	750	1,000	1,000	Rs. 3	990
Kustao Maskunjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs. 2	9½
Leopold S. Bisanlis & Mfg. Co., Ld.	3,500	1,000	1,000	Rs. ..	53xd
Madras United	500	1,000	1,000	160	3.0
Manaksatum	65	1,000	1,000	..	695
Manockjee Petit's	1,000	1,000	1,000	..	1,212½
Mazagon Spinning	500	1,000	1,000	..	195
Morarjee Goculdas	1,500	1,000	1,000	Rs. 50	1,450
Nowrosjee Spinning	600	1,000	1,000	..	660
Nalgaum Cotton Cleaning Co., Ld.	1,000	100	5	..	85
Narayan Cotton Mill	..	1,000	1,000	..	700
New Great Eastern	1,500	1,000	1,000	..	950
Oriental	5,725	625	62	..	600
Parell S. & W. Co., Ld.	4,000	400	40	..	30
People of India S. & W Company	1,000	25	25	..	205
Prince of Wales Spinning Company	1,250	50	5	..	110
Queen Spinning	800	1,000	1,000	..	960
Ripon	600	1,000	1,000	Rs. 20	9 5
Sassoon S. & W. Co.	1,500	1,000	1,000	..	1,410
Sholapore Mills	675	1,000	1,000	Rs. 35	1,090
Soonderdas	250	1,000	1,000	..	810
Southern India	1,000	500	500	Rs. 12½	485
Southern Mahratta S. & W. Co. Ld.	1,212	25	25	..	55
Victoria Mills	600	1,000	1,000	..	600
Western India S. & M. Company	1,200	1,000	1,000	..	825
Luxmidas Khimji S. W. Co.	700	1,000	1,000	..	8.0

BANK OF BOMBAY.

STATEMENT of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending 20th February, as compared with the statement of the 27th February :—

LIABILITIES.	Feb 20. Rs.	Feb. 27. Rs.
Proprietors' Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund, invested in Govt. and other authorized Securities	25,00,000	25,00,00
Public Deposits at Head Office	46,12,087	49 5 911
do. do. at Branches	19 26.0 0	20,31,900
Other Deposits	1,99,18 079	1,87,78,983
Post Bills	19 7 3	18.2.8
Cash Credits undrawn	3.92.703	3.99 538
	3,93,98 662	3,86,85,230
ASSETS.		
Govt. & other authorized Securities	32,34,912	32 32,914
Cash Credits, on Security of Govt. Paper, Bullion, and Merchandize	17,27.718	18.86.853
Loans, on Security of do.	25 51,441	26 98,901
Current Accounts, overdrawn	897	6,367
Bills Discounted and purchased	1,77,82 031	1,77,21 811
Stamps	28,730	24,788
Dead Stock Rs. 5,75,578		
Amt. applied in reduction 2,65,000	3,10.578	3,10 578
Cash Balances with Correspondence	8.50 231	5 89,295
Cash and Currency Notes	1,29 9,148	1,22 08 435
	3,93,98,6 2	3,86,85 230

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—FEBRUARY 27.

Meadows, Dy Surgn-Genl, Bo M S, on duty, from Baroda.

FEBRUARY 28.

Jennings, Lt, Bo R A, on leave, from Ahmedabad.
Wood, Lt, Bo, on duty, from Poona.
Fox, Major, Bo, R E, on furlough, from Secunderabad.
Dirom, Capt, Bo 15th B C, on furlough, from Rawal Pindi.
Cameron, Capt, Bo R E, on duty, from Kirkee.
Adams, Lt-Col, Bo, Dy Quarter Master Genl, on duty, from Poona.

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Money, Capt, Bo, on leave, from Rawal Pindi.
Stoch, Lt-Col, Bo 2nd Grenadiers, on leave, from Ahmedabad.
Jopp, Col, Bo R E, on duty, from Calcutta.

DEPARTURES.—FEBRUARY 28.

Minchin, Lt, 6th Punjab Infantry, on leave, to Edwardesabad.
Moore, Major, Ms R A, on duty, to St Thomas' Mount.

MARCH 1.

Adams, Lt-Col, Bo, Dy Qr-Mr-Genl, on duty, to Sholapore.
Leacock, Lt-Col, 28th Bo Infantry, to assume command, to Kurrachee.
Auchenleck, Surgn-Genl, Bo M S, on duty, to England.
Stewart, Col, Bl J A Gl, on furlough, to England.
Buck, Maj-Genl, Ms S C, on furlough, to England.
Downie, Surgn-Maj, Bl I M S, on furlough, to England.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS,

By Lieut.-Col. the Hon. L. H. Bayley, Comdt.,

B. V. R. C.

Bombay, 2nd March, 1886.

There will be a Class of Instruction for certificates on Wednesday, the 3rd inst, at 5-30 p.m., at Head-quarters.

As there appears to be some misconception on the subject, it is notified, for general information, that under no circumstances whatever can class firing be carried out except in order of periods as laid down in the Regulations, i.e., commencing at 150 yards, and performing the practices in succession, A, B C, F, G, D, E, H, I. An officer or instructor must be present.

There will be no morning parade on Wednesday, the 3rd inst.

The following members having joined are taken on the strength of the corps from this date, and posted to Companies as follows :—No 2283, Vol W Harman, to F Company, and from Nos 2264 to 2308, to H Company; Nos 2309 to 2337, to G Company; and Nos 375 to 382 Cadets to L Company.

Vol J Greahy is transferred from E to H Company from the 1st inst.

Vols J A A Turner and E A Foulconer, having rejoined, are taken on the strength of the corps from this date and posted to H Company.

By order,
H. HODGKINSON, Captain,
Adjutant, B. V. R. C.

HIGH COURT.—MARCH 2.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE BAYLEY.)
Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Short Cause.

15-86—Mirza, H K—Asanand Dharamdas and others vs Toolaram Jammi al
For examination of witnesses under Section 287.
314-79—Ardesir and H—The New Fleming S and W Co vs Kessowji Naik and others—Jefferson, B and D, J C Cama.
Long Causes.
118-83 Bicknell and K—Bhaboobai, vs Kristnajee Arjoon—R Saipey.—Part heard.
250-85—Payne, G and S—A Morton, vs Lieut-Colonel A F Doobs—Mayfarlane and E.
333-85—Crandi, L and O—Dayaghud Malookchund vs Anundrao Bulwant and another—Little, S F and N.
307-81—Little, S, F and N—Sha Weljee Natha vs Laljee Kessowjee and another—Macfarlane and E.
64-81—Framjee Dadabhoy and C—The New Peerless Cotton Co vs Kessowjee Hemraj and others—Little, S, F and N.
110-81—Little, S, F and N—Luckmidas Khimjee and others vs Shaik Essa bin Khalifa and others—Payne, G and S.
79 81—Ardesir and H—Dorabjee Nanabhoy Wadia vs Ruttonjee Curs Dee Wadia—Crawford, L and O.
For final hearing on Commissioner's report.
603-77—Little, S, F and N—Ruttonjee Dossabhoy Baxterna vs Dadabhoy Dossabhoy Baxterna—Payne, G and S.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice SCOTT.)
Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Long Causes.

183-84—Payne, G and S—Gopji Natha vs L L Dreyfus—Hore, C and E.
398-84—Thakurdas, D and C—Janmahomed Cassum vs Vaiju Mahomed bin Rojub—Tyabji and D.
427-84—Ebji Vikia—Bhanji Gugaram and another vs Mahomedally Dossaji—R Skipsey.
91-84—Bakrishna and B—Chandbhai Amonjee and another vs Mariamba and others—Tyabjee and , and in person.
222 83—Tyabjee and D—Butchraj Ramsook and another vs Laxminarayen Chogalal—Payne, G and S.
223-83—Payne, G and S—Luxmi-narayen Chogalal vs Sadasook Butchraj—Tyabjee and D.
224-83—Tyabjee and D—Bhaniraj Ramsook and others vs Luxminarayen Chogalal—Payne, G and S.
To speak to the minutes of the Decree.
122-80—Ardesir and H—The New Alexandria and W Co vs Vadilal Sakurchund—Jefferson, [illegible]

(Before the Hon. Sir WILLIAM WEDDERBURN.)
Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Short Cause.

42 -85—Vanu and H—Hormusjee Bomonjee Jeejeebhoy vs Martin Cohen.
Long Causes.
107-85—Hore, C. and B—Kumbai and others vs Ashabai and others—Macfarlane and E—Part heard.
392-85—Little, S, F and N—Morarji Kirnji vs Purshotum Tricumji and others—In person—Part heard.
51-85—Nanu an H—Morbai vs Nanabhoy Burjorji Bottiwalla and others—Jardine and E—Part heard.
294-85—Tyabji and D—Jaitha Bhima and others vs Premchand Roychund—Tobin and R.
1-85—Jeffor ds. and others—Chhotmey Lalji and others vs Poorsai—Tyabji and D.
398 85—Tyabji and D—To lidas Raghuvardas vs Raghunathdas Janakdas—Crawford and B.

MR. N. LAZARUS,
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DEATH.

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BOMBAY.

MARRIAGE.

IRVING—SOUTHEY—March 1, at St. Thomas' Cathedral, Bombay, Surgeon Major L. A. Irving, youngest son of the late Major-General Irving, C B, R A, to Ethel youngest daughter of the late Colonel Southey, M S C.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BURDITT—February 24, at Nellore, the wife of Rev J F Burditt, a son.
FERGUSON—February 23, at Rawal Pindi, wife of Henry T Ferguson, M Inst., C E, of a daughter.
HAMILTON—February 26, at Kajmore, the wife of M Hamilton, C S, of a daughter.
SHERMAN—February 26, at T. Ryd-street, Calcutta, the wife of Geo P O Sherman, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LUKER—HILL—February 25, at Christ Church, Madras, by the Rev R B Foaet, Frank, second son of Mr W Luker, Gainsboro, Gloucestershire, to Jessie, second daughter of Mr J Hill, of Ashcross, Gloucestershire.

The Bombay Gazette

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1886.

WHEN Mr. Gorst came forward a couple of years since in the capacity of Devil's Advocate against the Hyderabad State in general, and the political reputation of the late Sir Salar Jung in particular, he made much of certain debts alleged to be owing by the Nizam's Government to village officials, and amounting in the aggregate to close upon a crore of rupees. We believe that in a more confidential statement he estimated these debts at a much larger sum. However this may have been, he made the most and the worst of this *damnosa hereditas* to discredit every one in Hyderabad save those whose particular purpose he so valorously tried to serve; and the result was that his account of the financial relations between the Roosundars and village officials and the Nizam's Government was about as exact as much else that appeared in his lively but most unreliable contribution to the *Fortnightly Review* in the spring of 1884. To Mr. Gorst it seemed that the difficulty arose through the incurable procrastination of an impecunious Government. "The turbulent population of the city of Hyderabad could not be put off; but in the country districts and amongst the lower grade of officials it owes at the present time about £900,000 for payments withheld. Village officers who cannot get their just salaries paid have no means of living, except extortion from the ryots." The elegant simplicity of this version of the matter saved trouble both to the writer and to his readers. Mr. Gorst did not wish to trouble them, any more than he wished to trouble himself, with any inquiry into the origin and nature of the outstanding claims against the Nizam's Government. A claim is a claim whatever it may rest upon, and whatever counter-claim may be set up against it; and so it was quite enough for the purposes of an article that was meant to be dashing to set up a big total, and then to ask his readers to contemplate in it an awful example of the financial disorder into which the kingdom of the Nizam had been permitted to fall. We pointed out, long ago, how strangely Mr. Gorst had failed to understand this, amongst other things, in the case which he laboured so hard to put forward. The reference which was made to it by the Nawab Salar Jung at the installation anniversary banquet showed that the Hyderabad Government had not been slow in dealing with the claims upon which Mr. Gorst's accusations were rested; a recent departmental inquiry into the whole matter has shown that the attempt to make the *roosumdar* claims a matter of reproach to the Nizam's Government has been singularly unsuccessful.

The truth is, that the claims have never presented themselves with the embarrassing simplicity in which they are made to appear in the famous *Fortnightly Review* article. To speak of them as sums due to village officers is to state a half truth of an inconveniently misleading sort. There were claims to be met by the Nizam's Government; but there were also counter-claims in respect of rent due to the Government, and for the most part undisputed. The claims Mr. Gorst made much of; the counter-claims he ignored. It was less a matter of debt than of unadjusted balances. The question arose in this way. When the Raichore Doab and Dharaseo were restored to the Nizam under the Treaty of 1860, it was found that these assigned districts had benefited by the commutation into cash payments of a number of land grants to patels and patwaris and roosumdars—the last named descendants of an order of displaced district officers The example set in Raichore and Dharaseo was followed in the rest of the Nizam's dominions, and by degrees a system of cash payments was introduced in lieu of the grant of land which had been made under the old village communal system. The change was neither resolved upon nor made in a day, and it was the hard fate of the Hyderabad revenue authorities not to have completed it before Mr. Gorst went out to spy the nakedness of their land, and to report upon their misgovernment. When he arrived in the country a considerable part of the process of conversion into cash payments had been completed, but a considerable part remained, and in this he found material for building up that count in his indictment which dealt with the finances of the Nizam's Government. There were confessedly some very unsatisfactory elements in the situation, though Mr. Gorst, who preferred to be sweeping rather than searching, appears to have lost sight of them. It was, for instance, anything but good account keeping which carried forward, year after year, as unadjusted deposits, the revenue of jaghir lands and inam lands under attachment. The balance which loomed so large in Mr. Gorst's view two years ago would have been insignificant and probably unheard of if a more practical method of account keeping had been followed. The debt was, indeed, so largely a matter of account, that it is not altogether surprising that a cold weather tourist—especially one who had a mission—should have failed to understand its real significance. If he had been able, as some competent and disinterested officials were recently able, to take here and there the records of a district and make a detailed investigation into the matter, Mr. Gorst would have known that the true debt owing by the Nizam's Government to the roosumdars and patels and patwaris was much too small to deserve notice, even in a magazine article.

The efforts that the Nizam's Government have made to get rid of these outstanding claims formed a subject of very proper gratulation in the Minister's recent speech. And when the details of the work are examined, it is seen that the Minister took a by no means too roseate view of the work which the Revenue Department have done in this direction since his accession to office two years ago. At that time the sum outstanding was one crore twenty-seven lakhs, but of this half a crore consisted of "deposits," that is, of revenue of attached jaghirs and inam lands carried forward from year to year, and therefore not properly to be regarded as debt. By the end of 1884 the gross amount due under these heads was Rs. 1,72,00,000. But the process of adjustment was all this time in full vigour, though the critics of the administration do not seem to have been aware of it. In the first year of the present *regime*, roosum claims amounting to twenty lakhs and a half were settled; so also were certain cash charitable grants amounting to seventeen lakhs; village officers' allowances amounting to thirty-two lakhs and a quarter; and "deposits" amounting to about thirty-nine lakhs. At the end of the year the balance that had still to be dealt with was only sixty-three lakhs Halli siccas. Of this, it may be anticipated, only a portion will need to be met in hard cash, for an analysis of the one crore and eight lakhs of claims adjusted in 1884 shows that of these claims to the amount of more than seventy-lakhs were adjusted by book entry, and only thirty-five lakhs by money payment. A debt of which sixty-seven and-a-half per cent. can be met by an adjustment in accounts is not a formidable impediment to the prosperity of a State, and so much of it as still remains to be paid in money can be paid as soon as it has been proved. These outstanding claims never were an embarrassment to the Government, nor is there any reason to believe that those who preferred them were as greatly concerned about them as some who came in—*amici curiæ*—with no burning desire to make matters appear better than they really were. Here, at any rate, is the answer of the Hyderabad Government to one count in the indictment that was drawn up against them eighteen months ago, and the answer seems the more satisfactory when it is known that no complaints have been made of the manner in which the claims have been adjusted by the district officers, and that there is no apparent reason to doubt that the adjustment has been fairly made.

THE work of the Forest Commission will be greatly enlarged if the Kanara District be added to the area of enquiry. Great efforts are being made in the locality to bring the grievances of the cultivators and the forest tribes before the Commission. If accounts that reach us may be relied upon, the belief prevails in Kanara that the superior Forest authorities and other officials are much opposed to any such measure. There is probably some exaggeration in the accounts that have come from Kanara of the excitement which prevails on the subject, and although *zoolum* is spoken of, that is a word which comes easily to the lips and still more easily to the pen. If the people of Kanara have any real grievance in the matter—or even if they only think they have—it will not be difficult for them to get a hearing, and this is a fact of which no one is more conscious than the officials who are said to be showing so strong a desire to exclude Kanara from the scope of the Coinmissioner's enquiry.

MR. JUSTICE WEST, at the expiration of his three months' renewal of leave next month, will resume his seat in the High Court. Mr. Jardine, who is acting for Mr. West, will probably fill the place of Mr. Nugent at the Secretariat; during Mr. Nugent's eighteen months' absence on leave. It is probable that Mr. Richey will also proceed home on leave shortly. A vacancy in the High Court will be caused by the departure for England in April of Sir William Wedderburn, whose place, it is expected, will be filled by the Hon. Mr. Latham, Advocate-General.

THE death of General Wilson after so long a struggle for life has caused general regret. The Government vessels in the Bombay harbour yesterday hoisted their flags at half-mast in respect for his memory. General Wilson entered the army in April 1838, and took part in the operations in Bundelkhund, in the Punjab campaign in 1848 and 1849, including the action of Ramnuggar, the passage of the Chenab, and the battle of Gujerat. During the Indian Mutiny, he was present at the action in the cantonments of Lucknow, in which he was wounded, and the pursuit of Ferozshah. He was appointed a member of the Supreme Council in May 1881. His demise was not unexpected. He had for several weeks been at death's door, and a man of less robust constitution would long ago have succumbed to the complication of maladies with which he was afflicted. No man could long stand the combined attacks of fever, dysentery and pneumonia.

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAILS OF THE 12TH FEBRUARY.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Surat, Captain R. G. Murray, arrived in Bombay harbour at 2 o'clock this morning with the overland mails of the 12th Feb.

M. REMENYI'S CONCERT.

THE first of the series of concerts which M. Remenyi proposes, with the assistance of Miss Hattie B. Downing and Mr. Isidore Luckstone, to give in the Gaiety Theatre, took place last evening, and was a genuine musical treat to all who had the pleasure of hearing the great violinist. M. Remenyi performed wonders with his violin, and roused the audience to such a pitch of enthusiasm by his rendering of two of Paganini's famous studie sand of the "Marseillaise," that many stood up apparently forgetting their usual decorum, and shouted and waived their hats frantically, while from all parts of the theatre there came a perfect storm of applause which continued for several minutes. Indeed, it was only with the greatest difficulty that the audience could persuade themselves to leave the theatre when the actual programme had been gone through.

MR. G. S. MOLESWORTH ON BI-METALLISM.

MR. GUILFORD S. MOLESWORTH delivered yesterday a lecture on Bi-metallism before the Bombay Chamber of Commerce at their rooms in Graham's Buildings. The Hon. F. Forbes-Adam occupied the chair, and there were present: Major-General Hancock, Messrs. S. S. Solomon, W. M. Macaulay, G. A. Barnett, J. Marshall, Allan Arthur, F. Beaufort, Bell, T. Booth, J. Macfarlane, Craigie, Lynch, J. Campbell, L. R. W. Forrest, W. Lang, G. Manson, E. M. Slater, J. Steiner, F. C. Selby, G. W. Moir, W. M. Macdonald, and many others.

The chairman, in opening the proceedings, said he had got at pleasure in introducing to the meeting Mr. Molesworth, who had come out to India on official duty. He had very strong views on bi-metallism, and wished to express them before leaving Bombay. He accordingly asked the committee of the Chamber of Comm

TELEGRAMS.

THE VICEROY'S ARRIVAL AT MADRAS.

PRESENTATION OF ADDRESSES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, MARCH 1.

The weather to-day was most favorable, a strong breeze blowing. The Clive arrived in harbour at 11-30, but the Viceroy did not land before the advertised time, namely, 4-30 p.m. At that hour many thousands of natives had assembled in the streets facing the harbour, and various deputations were waiting at the pier, with most of the local officials.

On the Viceroy's arrival with Lady Dufferin, Sir Frederick Roberts and others, they were met by the Governor and Mrs. Grant Duff, the new Commander-in-Chief of Madras, and the Honorable Mr. Sullivan. The first address presented, and the only one read, was that of the Municipal Commissioners, which stated that Madras is the oldest of the Presidency Capitals in the Indian Empire, and has always maintained its pre-eminence in loyalty to the Crown, and in the enlightenment which it seeks to educate the citizens so as to fit them to take their part in public affairs; it represents that the resources at command of the Commissioners are by no means sufficient to carry out to completion drainage schemes and very necessary improvements in water-supply which are required for the well-being of the 400,000 inhabitants. The Commissioners have consented to the imposition upon the people, which they believe to be the utmost they can bear, and the Commissioners express a hope that if in future any proposals be made that the State should assist the Municipality, those proposals may receive consideration. The next was the address of the native community. The address, while giving His Excellency a hearty welcome, takes the opportunity of placing before His Excellency a brief statement of matters they beg His Excellency to take into consideration. It is their earnest desire that His Excellency should maintain and develope the just and liberal policy of his illustrious predecessor. Strict enforcement of economy in all branches of the administration is a matter which deserves His Excellency's serious consideration; they rejoiced at the appointment of the Financial Committee as showing His Excellency's solicitude in effecting retrenchment; they hope it may be possible for His Excellency to see to the non-official and native element. The apportionment of expenditure between India and England on a fair basis is also a matter to which they crave attention. Considering the progress education has made throughout India, they hope His Excellency will see the advisability of the views and wishes of the people of India being given more consideration than heretofore, in conducting public affairs and utilising the indigenous talent of the country more largely in the public service. They trust, also, that greater confidence will be reposed in the people by their voluntary services being enlisted in defence of the country, and by restrictions in carrying arms for defensive purposes being removed. Allusion is also made to the severity of the Salt and Forest laws, and the need for the promotion of useful industries and technical education. The condition of the agricultural classes was also a matter which deserves His Excellency's close consideration. It is also stated that the time has come for putting Legislative Councils on a representative basis, and for enlarging their powers. The Mahomedan address came next. Next the Chamber of Commerce, and then the address of the Mahajana Sabha, which is rather long, and deals with various grievances of the natives. It was presented in a white paper envelope, the other addresses being in handsome boxes. Mr. D. S. White presented an address from the Eurasian community. All these addresses, with the exception mentioned, were taken as read.

The Viceroy said:—I beg to thank you most heartily for your kind welcome, and for the various addresses, which the important bodies and communities, whose representatives I see around me, have been good enough to present. I fully appreciate the loyal feelings which prompted you to prepare so brilliant a reception for the representative of the Queen-Empress, and I am personally grateful for the friendly expressions of good-will which you have made use of in regard to Lady Dufferin and myself. In reply, I cannot help in the first place in observing how much struck I have been by the appearance presented by Madras from the sea, which is far superior to what I expected. Some of its public buildings are of great architectural beauty and splendour, and what, perhaps, is a greater matter of pride to its patriotic citizens, the eye of the stranger is at once directed to the many spots of historical interest. It was from this centre that the spread of the British Empire in India received first its original impulse; and I am glad to think that the heart of your fine old city should still throb vigorously with such generous and patriotic sentiments as those with which your addresses are replete. You can hardly expect me on the present occasion to touch on the various important topics to which you have very properly taken the opportunity of calling my attention. With some of the suggestions you have made I can cordially agree; others, though of great local interest, possess a technical character, and no Viceroy could be expected to give an immediate answer in regard to them in the absence of his colleagues; others, again, are of a very complicated and momentous character, touching as they do upon various fundamental points connected with the government of India. Even upon these however I might have been disposed not to remain altogether silent, were it not for a special circumstance, namely, that both the present Government and their predecessors have expressed their determination to institute an enquiry into the whole question of Indian administration. There is no doubt the stongest men in England will be nominated to undertake this important duty, and you can rest assured that the points to which you specially referred will be certain to attract their attention.

AFFAIRS IN BURMAH.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

MANDALAY, FEB. 27.

A reliable native report says that Prince Htait Hten Sain, son of the late Crown Prince, died at Saing Shwaybo of fever on the 21st. His men, numbering 3,000, disbanded.

His elder brother, Prince Aloung Hwat, with 600 men, has gone westwards into the Mahomyoung forest close on the border of Munipoore.

Prince Myin Saing called on the Burmans north-east of Mandalay to join him. They refused. The prince has now retired into the Shan country over the Natch Pass.

The Kaulin and Sagoo Princes are on board the 'William Peel, and will be sent down on Tuesday. The Burmese Ministers are unwilling to be security. Prince Yenangyoung, grandson of Mindohn, aged 13, goes too. No more princes are left.

An inquiry into the photographic incident exculpates the Provost Marshal from the charge of cruelty. The *Times'* account is considered to be greatly exaggerated. Colonel Hooper may require an apology or redress.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE BALKAN QUESTION.

CRITICAL STATE OF AFFAIRS.

BUCHAREST, MARCH 1.

The armistice between Servia and Bulgaria expires to-day.

The peace negotiations are at a standstill.

Each declines to accept the others draft treaty.

PHILLIPOPOLIS, FEB. 28.

The Roumelian troops have been ordered to advance northwards.

CONSTANTINOPLE, FEB. 28.

The negotiations with the Powers in connection with the Russian refusal to agree to the clause in the Turko-Bulgarian agreement by which Prince Alexander binds himself to defend the Turkish dominions, are proceeding slowly.

Both Bulgaria and Turkey waive the point regarding the offensive and defensive alliance. Notwithstanding this, Russia has now raised further objections.

THE BISHOP'S TOUR.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

KOLHAPUR, MARCH 1.

The Lord Bishop leaves for Sattara this evening. During his Lordship's stay, the Rev. A. G. Lewis delivered an eloquent lecture on education to a large audience in the Native Library.

DEATH OF GENERAL WILSON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 1.

General Wilson died at Barrackpore at 7-45 last evening. The funeral will take place this evening.

CALCUTTA WATER-SUPPLY.

A special meeting of the Municipal Commissioners was held on Saturday afternoon to discuss the budget and the construction of works from borrowed capital or from revenue. The chairman moved that no endeavour be made to borrow money for sanitary improvements as long as the requisite funds have not been provided for completing the extension of the water-supply and for repaying debenture loans falling due in 1886-87; and that the new latrines required should be constructed from revenue and not from capital. Mr. Nolan proposed an amendment, but after considerable discussion nothing definite was arrived at, and the meeting was adjourned till Thursday. The doubling of the present water-supply of Calcutta by the new forty-inch main from Manirampur will be completed this month, and the Lieutenant-Governor will preside at the opening ceremony.

THE VICEROY'S RETURN.

The Viceroy will arrive on the afternoon of Monday, the 8th inst., in the steamer Clive.

THE FARTHER EAST.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

COLOMBO, MARCH 1.

The *China Mail* of the 16th ult. reports the arrival of the agents of the German Syndicate.

It is rumoured that the Chinese Government will not raise any large loans, but continue to borrow moderate sums as occasion requires. Railways will not be extensively built until experience shows them to be of a profitable nature. The late frauds in connection with the German built ironclads renders the Government very cautious.

The Delimitation Commission has commenced work in earnest. It is proposed to raise a Japanese army by the French for the Tonquin garrisons, similar to the English sepoy regiments.

A Japanese lady has been arrested for complicity in plots against the State.

Mons. Bouree, who framed the original Treaty with China, is re-appointed to Pekin.

In addition to leaf disease, Java coffee estates are being destroyed by myriads of rats.

DEPARTURE OF THE NIZAM FOR MADRAS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, MARCH 1.

His Highness the Nizam, accompanied by several members of the Royal Family, His Excellency the Minister, Mr. Cordery the Resident, Mr. Mehdi Ali, Mr. Faridoonji and others, left Hyderabad by special train this morning for Madras to meet the Viceroy. His Highness purposes staying in Madras for a week. The "special," consisting of eight saloon, two second, and four third class carriages and two road vans moved off under the usual salute punctually at eight o'clock, and is timed to arrive at Madras on Tuesday morning at 9-15. There was a large gathering of the *élite* at the station to wish His Highness God-speed.

THE WUDWAN AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

WUDWAN, MARCH 1.

The Agricultural Show was opened by Colonel Nutt this afternoon. There was an immense gathering of Chiefs, European and native gentry, Girassias, patels and ryots. The arrangements were perfect. There was a first-rate show of horses, cattle, dogs, poultry, daily produce, fruits, vegetables and grains, tobacco, dyes and manures. The Miscellaneous class was also well represented. Much interest was shown in a steam wheat thresher. Great enthusiasm prevails.

NATIVE POLITICAL MEETINGS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

SATARA, MARCH 1.

A public meeting of the inhabitants of Satara was held yesterday in Ghated Theatre, under the auspices of the Satara Sarvajanik Sabha. Resolutions similar to those proposed by the Bombay Presidency Association were passed, asking for a Royal Commission of Inquiry into Indian affairs, deprecating the proposed military expenditure of two crores of rupees, and holding that the Finance Committee recently appointed by the Government of India was wholly inadequate for the weighty task of retrenchment and reform in public expenditure. All the resolutions arrived at by the National Congress lately held in Bombay were adopted. Great enthusiasm prevailed throughout the proceedings.

BELGAUM, MARCH 1.

It was resolved at a public meeting here yesterday, that a memorial to the Secretary of State for India be addressed, suggesting changes in the constitution of the body appointed to inquire into the financial state of India, and that hearty approval of resolutions passed by the Bombay Presidency Association be conveyed to it.

The Bombay Presidency Association has received the following telegrams:—

A crowded and enthusiastic meeting was held on the 27th ult. at Karwar. All classes attended. Raosaheb Shanker Venkatesh Taki was president. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—This meeting while thankful for the promised enquiry into Indian affairs, considers it should be entrusted to a Royal Commission, not a Parliamentary Committee, and that evidence be taken in India as well as in England, and that the Indian people be represented on the body making the inquiry.

2. That this meeting with due respect to the authorities regrets to see the recently appointed Financial Committee is not so constituted as to meet the wishes of the Indian people, and that the instructions issued to it are not calculated to bring about the desired results.

3. That this meeting approves of the appeal issued to the electors of the United Kingdom last October, and the resolutions come to by the National Indian Congress held in Bombay last December, and requests the Council of the Bombay Presidency Association to draw up a detailed statement of the most important subjects to which the attention of the Commission of Inquiry should be directed. A permanent committee, consisting of seventy members, was appointed to look after the public interests.

A public meeting under the Sabha's auspices was held on Saturday at Ahmedabad. The proposed Bombay resolutions were adopted. The Gujarat Sabha was directed to co-operate with public bodies in securing the objects indicated. Perfect unanimity prevailed regarding the Royal Commission with Indian members taking evidence here. It was resolved that cordial sympathy with, and general approval of, the work of the Presidency Association and National Congress and sincere thanks to the promoters be telegraphed.

At the public meeting of the inhabitants of Satara held on Monday, all the resolutions proposed by the Bombay Presidency Association and those of the National Congress were carried with acclamation.

At a public meeting held yesterday evening at Alibag, resolutions were passed to petition for a Royal Commission, not a Parliamentary Committee, to protest against the constitution of the Indian Financial Committee and the levy of income-tax.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE MAILS.

LONDON, FEB. 27.

The Bombay mails of the 12th inst. arrived at Brindisi to-day.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

PORT SAID, MARCH 1.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Lawada, outward bound for Calcutta, Madras, and Colombo, left here this morning.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Almora, homeward bound from Calcutta, Madras, and Colombo, left here on the evening of the 27th ult.

PLYMOUTH, FEB. 27.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer Masilla arrived here this morning.

The B. I. S. Co.'s steamer Rewa, from Calcutta, Madras, and Colombo, arrived here this morning.

ADEN, FEB. 27.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Hazara, homeward bound from Bombay, Kurrachee, and Malabar Coast, left here this afternoon.

FEB. 28.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Navarino, outward bound for Calcutta, Madras and Colombo, left here this afternoon.

COLOMBO, MARCH 1.

Mail-steamer Nepaul, from China, arrived.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, FEB. 27.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed dull. Surats quiet.

Good Fair Dhollera	3 15-16
4 per cent. Rupee Paper	73¾
4½ "	75⅝
3 " Consols for account	101¼
3½ " Sterling Loan	102⅜
4½ " French Rentes	110
Bar Silver	46⅞

The sum of about £250,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank of England for France.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

(MARCH 1.)

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Via* Teheran, perfect. *Via* Turkey, interrupted. *Via* Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—*Via* Teheran, perfect. *Via* Turkey interrupted. *Via* Suez, perfect.

AMERICA.—*Via* rest, perfect. *Via* Valentia, perfect. *Via* Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA.—*Via* Penang, perfect. *Via* Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—*Via* Penang, perfect. *Via* Amoor, perfect.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

SNUDAY NIGHT, February 28.

10 p.m.	77·4

MONDAY, March 1.

6 a.m.	72·9
10 a.m.	81·1
2 p.m.	84·4
4 p.m.	83·9

MR. JUSTICE BAYLEY gave judgment at the High Court yesterday in the suit of Essa Hadjee Maladina *vs.* Rehambai, in which the plaintiff sought for a divorce. He was married to the defendant some twenty years ago, and a few years later, on his marrying a second wife, Rehambai quarrelled with her. The plaintiff was compelled eventually to provide separate quarters for the defendant, and he was willing to maintain her on condition she would not visit the houses of her relatives without his consent. This she failed to do, and subsequently she left Bombay for Poona without the knowledge or consent of the plaintiff. She obtained several decrees against the latter in the Small Causes Court for maintenance; and the plaintiff, becoming tired of the legal proceedings against him, eventually gave his wife a divorce paper in the presence of several persons. Rehambai, in her defence, denied that she had ever been guilty of misconduct; and her counsel submitted, that the parties being Catchee Memons, adultery was the only ground on which a divorce could be granted. The plaintiff called the Deputy Cazee of Bombay and other witnesses to disprove this. His Lordship said that the defendant had failed to prove the custom alleged by her. Mahomedans, in fact, according to their law, were not required to state any reason for asking for a divorce. A decree for divorce was accordingly given in favour of the plaintiff.

THE performance which is to be given at the Alfred Theatre on Thursday evening under Lord Reay's patronage, promises to be of unusual interest. The native drama, it is true, is not as a rule very attractive to the European community, but on this occasion those of the audience who cannot follow the vernacular will have the play made intelligible to them by a printed English version of its chief incidents. The play is well spoken of, and has, we believe, received the approval of some eminent supporter, of the native drama. The performance will be for the benefit of the Seamen's Institute, in Prince's Dock, one of the newest, as it is likely to be one of the most useful additions to the institutions of Bombay.

THE Municipal Chamber of Pangim has passed a resolution to place the portrait of His Excellency Viscount de Paço d'Arcos, the late Governor-General of Goa, in the Municipal Hall, in acknowledgment of his distinguished administration of the affairs of Portuguese India.

THE Bengal native papers publish a rumour that Mr. A. Mackenzie, the Home Secretary, will be placed at the head of affairs at Rangoon, thus foregoing his contemplated leave to England. This is probably mere bazaar gup.

INFORMATION has been received at Calcutta that the Secretary of State for India has agreed to advance the capital required for the Kidderpore Docks on terms acceptable to the Commissioners. The Bombay Port Trust accepted the Secretary of State's first offer to pay an additional one per cent. interest on the money raised, which addition would be devoted to the formation of a sinking fund. The Calcutta Commissioners demurred to this extra charge, at all events whilst the works were in course of construction. The information now received is to the effect that the Secretary of State has allowed the concession asked for reserving the question of the formation of a sinking fund on completion of the docks. The loan required for both the Calcutta and Bombay Port Trusts will not be placed on the London market till July or August. In the meantime the Bank of Bengal will finance for the Calcutta Port Commissioners, and enable them to proceed with the works. As, however, the working season is now too far advanced to proceed with the docks, the railway will be completed, and a branch will be made to the Ackra brick fields, and arrangements for labour will be matured to push on with the dock works immediately the rains are over. It thus appears that the "dock question" is practically settled so far as the money is concerned.

THE proposal made by the Calcutta Port Commissioners to free the Hooghly floating bridge has been negatived by Government. The Board of Directors of the East Indian Railway had approved of the proposal, and it was thought that the bridge would be freed at the end of the present financial year. The Local Government, however, has intervened, and the bridge will be farmed out again for another twelve-month.

THE new postal line to the Afghan Boundary Commission by Peshawur and Kabul has been satisfactorily established, and is now working regularly. But as only very light mails can be carried by that road, newspapers and parcels continue to be sent by Quetta. It is well to remember, however, that the correct address of any one in Sir W. Ridgeway's camp is simply Afghan Boundary Commission: no post town is required; and if Peshawur is added in the case of newspapers or parcels, the result is delay in their being re-addressed to Quetta.

IT appears to be the fact that the strain on the finances has effectually put a stop to the proposals for increasing the Native Army. The additions to the English forces have swallowed up all the available funds, and the raising of the proposed three Sikh regiments and the two regiments of Punjab Pioneers has been indefinitely postponed, the only increase in the native forces being the two new battalions of Goorkhas.

COLONEL D. LIMOND, C.B., R.E., Secretary to the Punjab Government in the Public Works Department, vacates his appointment early this month; and will most likely be succeeded, eventually, by Colonel Æ. Perkins, C.B., R.E. There will probably be an interregnum between Colonel Limond's departure and the arrival of Colonel Perkins; during which time, Mr. E. E. Oliver will doubtless officiate as Secretary.

DR. FURNELL, the Surgeon-General at Madras, lately delivered an address on cholera and water, and from the figures relating to the town of Madras which he produced, it is clearly proved that the introduction of a supply of good drinking water has an immediate effect upon the ravages of cholera. For many years before the introduction of the Red Hill water-supply into Madras, the number of deaths from cholera annually amounted to hundreds, and too frequently to thousands, but from the year 1872, when the water-supply was first opened, there has been a very large reduction in the mortality, one year being absolutely free from the disease, and in three others the deaths being five, six, and two, respectively. Of course, during the famine years there was a large increase in the fatal cases of cholera caused by the migration into the town of many poor half-starved creatures who had no strength left to resist the disease. But as soon as the famine was over the rate of mortality again fell to below 100 per annum, and during the last four years, when there has been a severe epidemic of the disease throughout the greater part of the Madras Presidency, the average number of deaths has not exceeded 250 per annum. The greater part of these deaths, it is shown, took place in those parts of the town which had not had benefit of the Red Hill water-supply, and Dr. Furnell, therefore, urges the necessity of extending the water supply to these localities.

TEN men were overtaken by an avalanche, the other day, in the Bunihal Pass on the Jummoo road. Nine of them were extricated; but the body of the tenth was only recovered three days afterwards. The mail bags, which were carried by the part, were buried in the snow for the same space of time. The winter in Cashmere has been unusually prolonged and severe. The first fall of snow occurred on the 16th December. This gradually cleared off. The beginning of January was marked by very severe frosts. The Dal Lake at Srinugger was frozen over; and even over a large portion of the Wular Lake, ice formed. The thermometer showed a daily variation from about 35° Fahr. to 10° Fahr. Since then there have been several falls of snow, with occasional violent storms. The heaviest of these was on February 17th, when a foot of snow fell in a few hours, and was accompanied by a gale of wind. On this occasion the barometer fell to 24·95 inches, which is the lowest reading ever taken. Two days before it stood at 25 inches. It is very rare for the barometer there to rise above 24·85, or to fall below 24·4. Owing to this prolonged snowy weather, there is some difficulty in the city in procuring rice and firewood; this is temporary only. Some slight shocks of earthquake have been felt. In the third week of January there was quite a severe one.

THERE is some reason for fearing that Sir Richard Temple's moustache will be fatal to his reputation in Parliament. *Punch* has already immortalised it in caricature, and now the *Englishman* is cruel enough to say that though caricature may not be the sincerest form of flattery, Sir Richard would rather go down to posterity in a comic sketch than be lost to oblivion. "Sir Richard in his day was a great patron of the photographers, and distributed the counterfeit presentment of his somewhat Cromwellian physiognomy with a liberal hand. Perhaps the most flattering portraits were those in which Sir Richard appeared in the Louis Napoleon style, with his heavy moustache beautifully waxed and pointed. But his good genius has now deserted him. He appears in the House of Commons with his moustache flying and bristling like the quills of the fretful porcupine. It is this horrid and hirsute appearance which has roused the ire of Toby."

EARL GRANVILLE'S absence from the Foreign Office seems to be regretted by no one. But if current report be reliable, it is mainly in consequence of the Queen's persistence that he was not again given the seals of that department to play with. It is commonly said that Her Majesty would not hear of the noble lord being again entrusted with the duties of that important post. He has accordingly, to the huge disgust of our "kinsmen beyond the seas," been shelved to the Colonial Department. Lord Rosebery's accession to the Foreign Office has given general satisfaction, and, in Germany, it almost reconciles official opinion to the return to power of a Gladstone Ministry. The noble Earl is a *persona grata* to the mighty German Chancellor, and that fact will, of course, go a long way towards smoothening much of the path of the new Foreign Secretary. Fortunately for the Liberal Government and for Lord Rosebery the late administration left most of the foreign questions in a fair way towards a satisfactory settlement.

GERMANY gets the services of her Iron Chancellor remarkably cheap. The estimates just sanctioned by the Reichstag show that Prince Bismarck receives, besides his official residence, a salary of 54,000 marks, together with 18,000 marks to meet the expense of official receptions and similar contingencies. Together the two allowances make about £3,600. Considering that our English Cabinet Ministers go in for £5,000 apiece, while the German Chancellor unites in his office the work of half-a-dozen men, we are bound to say that the taxpayers of the Fatherland are to be envied.

THERE has been an extraordinary occurrnce in the north of Scotland. A small smack, the Columbine, was proceeding from Gautness Harbour to Lerwick on January 31. Half an hour after the smack started a heavy sea struck the vessel and broke the main sheet. While one of the crew named Smith and the skipper were hauling in the sheet another sea jerked them both overboard, but Smith, being nearer to the smack, was able to pull himself aboard; the skipper unfortunately lost his hold of the sheet and fell into the sea. Smith and his remaining colleague opened the gangway and lowered the boat, leaving the smack's sails as they were —that is to say, the head-sails standing all right, but the mainsail beating about. All this time the only passenger, a woman, was below in the cabin. The men saw the skipper swimming before they entered the boat; but he must have sunk while they were launching the boat, for they saw nothing more of him. The men found they could not regain the smack, and a sea which struck their boat compelled them to stop and bale her. They turned towards the shore, two or three miles off, which they reached with great difficulty. It was found impossible to pursue the smack till the captain of a steamer that happened to be in the neighbourhood at the time had been communicated with: but by this time the smack had disappeared from view and has not since been heard of.

Is this really an ordinary sort of occurrence in a Paris hotel? "The mystery of the Hotel du Louvre shows that M. de Montauzan was well acquainted with M. Armand Haussmann. A discussion arose concerning Madame de Montauzan, during which M. Haussmann threw down the clock from the mantelpiece. He next proceeded to demolish a jug and basin, and one of the pieces struck M. de Montauzan. It was at this juncture that the affair began to look ugly, and M. de Montauzan, knowing that M. Haussmann was reckless and possibly insane, escaped from the room and raised an alarm. The fact that the heroes of this undignified scuffle happen to belong to the higher section of society, coupled with the false excitement now existing in Paris concerning undiscovered crimes, has given colour to grossly magnified accounts of a grave but very ordinary occurrence. M. de Montauzan himself has been living under the assumed name of Des Morges. M. Haussmann is still at the infirmary of the prefecture, where he is allowed a measure of liberty."

MR. JOHN MORLEY, in the Athenæum Club, writes the London correspondent of the *Liverpool Post*, "received the congratulations of his friends, and acknowledged that he was Chief Secretary for Ireland. This is an extraordinary elevation for a man who has never written an official letter, or made an unpremeditated speech. But Mr. Morley has long been a great power in the press. He has a sense of right and impartiality and a keenness of judgment which will make him invaluable as a consultative member of a Cabinet, and he would have at his back Sir Robert Hamilton, one of the finest permanent officials ever known. Moreover, his appointment makes the new departure very distinct, and will give the Irish members greater confidence than anything else could; and it is gratifying to know that Sir Robert Hamilton is fully with Mr. Gladstone in his new policy. So, I understand, is Lord Spencer, without any reserve. Even Lord Hartington, in his final letter declining to join, admitted, I understand, to Mr. Gladstone, that he did not see that anything else could be done, but said that he was not the man to concur in it after all he had said; and similar is the attitude of Sir Henry James. That Lord Carnarvon is finally of the like opinion is quite certain. Moreover, he says that reuts are, on the whole, being well paid in Ireland, and that many of the National League branches are respectable organizations. Mr. W. H. Smith confesses that there is practically no crime in Ireland, though he also says there is no law except the law of the National League.

MR. A. G. DUNLOP, Inspector-General of Revenue, has done good service since he entered the Nizam's service. His Highness the NIZAM, as a mark of his appreciation of his services in connection with the discovery of the sunnud frauds, and more particularly in connection with the Dixit case, in which he saved the Government a present payment of over 11 lakhs and an annual payment of Rs. 31,000, wishes to present him with an honorarium of Rs. 5,000, but it is said that the Resident believes that the Government of India would be opposed to the present.

THE ways of the Japanese Post-office are peculiar. In India if the postage on a letter is inadequate, the deficiency is recovered from the addressee; and if the addressee objects to be mulcted, the letter is retained, and there is an end of the matter. It is not so in Japan. The other day an unfortunate Japanese declined to pay the extra postage, whereupon he was dragged before a magistrate and fined 5 yen for evading the taxes.

ADMIRAL CROWN, who, it may be remembered, distinguished himself by preparing for action when chased by H. M. S. Agamemnon, has been removed from the command of the Russian squadron in China, being succeeded by Rear-Admiral Kornilow.

THE money voted some time ago by the Chamber of Commerce at Hongkong to Mr. A. R. Colquhoun, to enable him to continue his exploration of the valley of the Canton river up to Yunnan, has been returned, Mr. Colquhoun having found it impossible to prosecute the exploration.

IT is rumoured that the Government of Corea has requested China to restore to them the Feng Huang district of Liaotiug, on the border, which has been occupied by China for some time past. Nothing is expected to come of the application.

PREPARATIONS are being made to place some 40 ton guns, which have arrived at Shanghai, in the Woosung forts and Kiang-nan arsenal.

WHEN Mr. W. S. Gilbert was in America, two or three years ago, a Mrs. Malaprop who met him, and probably mistook him for the musical partner of the firm of Gilbert and Sullivan, asked him a number of questions that revealed a plentiful lack of information on the subject of contemporary music, winding up with a query as to whether "Batch" was composing anything just now. "No, madam," Mr. Gilbert replied, with perfect imperturbability; "'Batch' hasn't composed anything for years. He's *de*composing just now."

THE EMPLOYMENT OF MAHOMEDANS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—As it is well known that you take deep interest in all public matters, more especially in that of general education, I trust you will be good enough to allow me a corner in your widely circulated journal in the interest of Mahomedans in general, especially of this Presidency. I have always rendered my humble services to my co-religionists in educational matters, and still I am very anxious to do what I can for them. At the request of different departments, I have recommended Musalmans from time to time for public as well as private service, and have already got a list of several with their qualifications, age, &c., as candidates for service, either Government or private. I shall be glad to see personally or receive correspondence from up-country from such Mahomedan gentlemen as may be desirous of obtaining employments whether they have passed any examination or not.

I shall at the same time feel highly obliged to the heads of various departments, either Government or otherwise, or any gentlemen taking interest in Mahomedan welfare, to correspond with me, whenever there is any vacancy in their departments or in their patronage.

The following facts bear the testimony why less or more educated Mahomedans cannot get employments. Firstly, they scarcely get any information of a vacancy; and secondly, they cannot find any one to recommend them. Since the late Education Commission has made special recommendations in favour of Mahomedans, there is no doubt every Government servant will be glad to avail himself of the services of one or more under him. This will undoubtedly be a great temptation to those who give up their studies incomplete, as well as to those who are indifferent as to learning the language of their rulers, which is most important to keep pace with their fellow-countrymen in the various walks of life.

GOOLAM MAHOMED MUNSHI.

Bombay, S. E., March 1.

THE SHAH OF PERSIA AND THE PARSEES IN INDIA.

H. E. HAJI MIRZA HUSAIN KULI KHAN, the new Persian Consul-General at Bombay, invited the leading Parsee citizens to a tea party at his bungalow at Parell on Sunday afternoon last.

His Excellency said:—Sir Jamsetjee and friends,—You would probably like to know why I have done myself the honour to invite you here to-day; and I therefore wish, with your permission, to say a few words on the subject. It is only a very short time since I came here as the Persian Consul-General in India; but still in that short time, I have been able to make the acquaintance of the well-known and leading Parsee citizens. I consider myself very fortunate in that respect, and I take it as a great honour to have formed their acquaintance. It is now more than 1,200 years since the renowned ancient Persian monarchy came to an end; and in that long interval many important political changes have transpired in Iran, some of which will be considered interesting to yourselves. Among the many Shahs who have reigned over the country during that long interval, there has not been one who devoted himself to the sole task of promoting the welfare of his subjects, or who with an exemplary zeal and true disinterestedness introduced changes in the State for their improvement. Even taking together the good deeds of many of the former kings, they are not to be compared to the good and praiseworthy policy of the present fortunate, all-merciful Shah, who is the kind protector and beloved father of his subjects. Such deeds as he has done were never before performed by any other sovereign. I think it proper here to mention for your information how the fruits of the Shah's good government have been beneficial not only to his own subjects, but to the subjects of neighbouring countries, during the thirty-nine years he has sat on the renowned and world-famed Kayanian throne. The first and most praiseworthy step taken by him on ascending the throne was the establishment, far and wide throughout his dominions, of courts of justice and equity, which are the main supports of a State, and which gained him the blessings of all his subjects. In the second place, he travelled twice over the countries of Europe to look with his own eyes into the progress made by them in arts, sciences, and good government; and on his return to his own country, he gave his subjects the benefits of the insight and experience he gained during his travels. The subjects of no former Persian king has had the similar good fortune of sharing in the vast improvements introduced by their Sovereign for their common benefit from the experience and knowledge acquired by him in foreign countries. By establishing the electric telegraph throughout the remotest corners of his empire, the Shah keeps himself always informed as to the wants and conditions of his subjects in the most distant quarters, and thereby secures the blessings of the whole empire. At very heavy cost, he has constructed, and is still constructing, broad and useful roads to open up communication between distant parts of the State, with a view to add to the commercial resources of each district, and to facilitate intercourse between the inhabitants thereof. The Shah has had under his consideration another great public improvement, of which his subjects as well as you, gentlemen, will be delighted to hear, namely, the construction of a railway throughout his dominions; and it is to be hoped that before I return to my own country, we shall probably have the satisfaction of seeing railway trains running through the heart of Persia. Great improvements have been introduced by the Shah in the Post offices throughout the country. I will not detain you long by enumerating many other of the public improvements which the Shah has introduced; but I am bound to refer to one relating to the condition of the Zoroastrian subjects of his Majesty. The vexatious *jajiia* (i. e. poll) tax has been abolished for a long time past; and Zoroastrians now enjoy in Persia, equally with the Mussulman subjects, that amount of impartiality in the administration of justice which reminds one of the days of Noshirvan the Just. (Applause.) This event is worthy of being recorded not only in the history of the Parsees, but also in the pages of the history of Persia. (Cheers.) Owing to the connection of learned Parsees with the Persian Government, the acquaintance of that Government with you, gentlemen, is becoming more and more close; and we have cause to be proud of the fact. (Applause.) His Majesty is aware of the proud position to which you, Parsee gentlemen, descended from the ancient Iranian stock have attained among the different races inhabiting this country; and is delighted with the fact that the blue blood of your famous ancestors still runs through your veins, and inspires you to do noble deeds, public charity, and every thing that is good and great (loud applause); and that by your enterprise and public spirit you have become an ornament and add to the glories of a foreign Government. (Repeated cheers and applause.) At the time of my departure, His Majesty instructed me more than once to cultivate friendly relations with the leading and honoured members of your community; to treat them as if they were the leading members of our own Persian community; and always to respect and honour them as such. (Prolonged cheers.) Gentlemen, it is not I alone who honours and greets you with affection this day, but it is also the venerated Shah of Persia, and the whole of his Persian subjects who do so. In proof of this, I may state that this auspicious day is a grand holiday with us, not even second to the Jamshedi Naoroz. In my opinion, it is a great and a sacred day as well as a holiday which brings together the present Persians with the descendants of the ancient heroic and famous Iranian race. (Loud cheers.) I accept the present gathering as an honour done not only to myself as the ambassador and representative of the venerable Shah of Persia, but also to the Shah himself, and to the Persian Government. The robe of State which I have to-day put on is the one which I wear when appearing in the sacred presence of the Shah, and I have put it on to-day as a mark of respect to you, gentlemen, as well as to the Government of my country, on this great holiday which we observe in Persia in high veneration. I hope you will continue your visits to this Consulate; and any attention you show me will be considered as attention paid to the Persian Government itself. (Cheers.) You will similarly consider, gentlemen, that the honour I pay you and the cordiality with which I receive you, emanate not from myself, but from the Persian Government. Finally, I thank you heartily for the respect, love, and sympathy you have always shown towards the Persian Government, as well as for your trouble in being present here to-day. (Applause.)

Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee, C.S.I., speaking on behalf of the Parsee guests, said.—Your Excellency,—I have been asked by Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Mr. Dinshaw Manockjee Petit, Mr. Framjee Nasserwanjee and the other gentlemen who are now present, to thank you for your kindness in inviting us to meet you here to-day, and for the expression of the kind sentiments we have just heard on behalf of yourself and the enlightened sovereign whom you so worthily represent in this city. You have been pleased to intimate that it is the wish of His Majesty that you should cultivate friendly feelings with the Zoroastrians of Bombay, a people whose best traditions are associated with the glory and grandeur of the ancient monarchy, the throne of which is occupied by his august Majesty. (Cheers.) I need not say how much rejoiced we all are and how grateful we feel to his Majesty for his friendliness and good will. We have had abundant proofs of his Majesty's solicitude for the welfare of his Zoroastrian subjects in Persia, and of his desire to treat them on a footing of equality with his Moslem subjects. (Cheers.) You have described to us the favors which his Majesty has conferred upon the Zoroastrians, and referred to the abolition of the Jazia tax which greatly oppressed them in former years. For this latter act alone, we feel that we cannot be too grateful to his Majesty, and we have also through the British Government acknowledged the deep debt of obligation which the Zoroastrians in India have been laid under by his Majesty and we take this opportunity again, sir, to give expression through you to our grateful sentiments which we trust you will be pleased to convey to the foot of the throne. (Loud cheers.) It is now more than twelve hundred years that our ancestors left Persia, and within this long period of time, this is the first occasion on which a message of kindness and goodwill towards us has been received by us direct from his Majesty the King of Persia, for which we beg to thank him sincerely. We are likewise indebted to you for the kind manner in which you have conveyed this happy message. We are delighted, sir, to hear of the benefits that have resulted to the Persian nation at large from the benign administration of his Majesty Nasseroodin Shah. Your assurance of a warm welcome to those of us who chose to visit our fatherland has of course been very gratifying to us all, and we beg you will do us the favour to convey to his Majesty the Shah our cordial thanks for his kind remembrance of us. We hope that his Majesty will always entertain kindly feelings towards us and our co-religionists who are subjects of his Majesty in Persia. (Cheers.) In whatever lands or under whichever administration our lot may be cast, we Parsees, it is well known, are disposed to be strictly loyal to their rulers. In British India, we yield to none in our loyalty to the Government under which we live and prosper, but nevertheless we are never backward in testifying our respect for those rulers in other lands where our co-religionists are to be found. (Cheers.) We always hope and desire that our Zoroastrian brethren in Persia may enjoy under the benign sway of his Majesty Nasseroodinsha, the same solid blessings and prosperity which we enjoy under the British Government and to which you have so appropriately referred in your eloquent address. Called upon, as I have suddenly been to speak in response to your address, it is impossible that I can give full expression to the feelings which rise uppermost in our hearts by hearing all that you have now stated. I will therefore only content myself with thanking your Excellency once more for the sympathetic assurances you have been the means of communicating to the Parsee residents of India, on behalf of his Majesty the Shah. (Loud che

weather is far too mild and open to demand the constant use of furs of any kind, which are appropriate enough to the winter rigours of Minnesota or Winnipeg; they envelope the wearer in a close overheated atmosphere, hindering the exhalations of the body, and strongly predisposing to chill; they are too heavy to be easily borne, and, consequently, they tend to limit healthful exercise. On all these grounds, we think the profession would act wisely in discouraging their general adoption by the wealthy classes as their appropriate winter attire. The condition of the sleeping-room at night calls for attention during winter, the two chief points being the regulation of heat and of ventilation. Much depends upon the size and position of the room, the number, ages, and constitutional condition of the occupants, and the actual state of the weather. The indications are, of course, to maintain a reasonably warm, uniform, and pure atmosphere. Probably not many people can sleep with comfort if the temperature of the room sink to 40 deg. Fahr., and possibly this is rather low a limit for the majority. If the morning temperature fall to this point, some means of artificial warmth had better be adopted; and nothing is more convenient or more suitable than a small fire in an open grate, so arranged that the heat shall at no time be excessive, and that it shall die out gradually and not suddenly. Here again the state of health and sensations of the individual must be our guides. To a person in robust health, who has plentiful sources of heat within himself, and who does not know what it is to awake feeling chilly, artificial warmth of any kind at night is unnecessary, and should, therefore, be avoided. On the other hand a thin-blooded, anæmic person, especially if prone to bronchial catarrh, should sleep in a moderately warm and equable temperature, however this may be best secured. As regards ventilation, it is hardly any longer necessary to insist upon the necessity for pure air, both by night and by day. In summer it is a good practice, for those in health, to sleep with open windows throughout being guarded against; but this whole-some practice should not be persisted in during the winter season, if experience shows that it is not readily tolerated. A fall of temperature of 10 deg. during the night is not uncommon in our climate, and would be dangerous to many persons if sleeping with open windows. The bronchitic especially must be watchful in this regard; while, on the other hand, nervous persons and exhausted brain-workers, if free from all tendency to pulmonary weakness, may justifiably risk a little cold for the sake of pure air. These remarks on dress, sleep, exposure, &c., while universally applicable more or less, apply with peculiar force in the case of children. They lose heat more readily than adults, and are more seriously affected by chill. They, therefore, need thorough protection against changes of temperature, and the common practice of exposing their legs and arms cannot be too strongly condemned. There can be no doubt that the careless and needless exposure of children is one of the most fruitful causes of infant mortality. The question of the diet most advisable for winter hardly receives the attention from us which it clearly deserves. In the first place, more food is as a rule required in the cold than in the warm season. Not merely is digestion then more active, but more food is required to protect against cold. Sir John Franklin, in his Arctic expedition, found that, if his men went to bed fasting, nothing could keep them warm; but if they had supped heartily, they easily resisted the cold. The heat-producing elements of food are manifestly indicated for a winter dietary. Fat, in the form of butter, bacon, suet-puddings, &c., should enter largely into our food during the cold season; and here the palate is a safe guide, as we easily tolerate during winter a quantity of oleaginous food-material which would be highly distasteful in summer. Other heat-producing articles of food are cheese, cocoa-nibs, and oatmeal. Pea-soup is very suitable for winter, and coffee is preferable to tea, its effect being as decidedly warming as that of tea is cooling. By such simple rules as these, we may greatly augment our comfort and promote health. To adjust ourselves to our physical surroundings in the first intuition of man, and the last dictum of science. In proportion as we succeed in doing so, are we learning to live wisely, healthily, and happily.—*British Medical Journal.*

MR. FLOWERS.

MR. FREDERIC FLOWERS, whose death at the ripe age of seventy-six has been feelingly noticed by several of our contemporaries, well deserved all that has been said of him; but the special attractiveness of his character could be understood only by those who knew him long and well. Mr. Flowers was the son of a Lincolnshire clergyman, and was a barrister on the Midland Circuit. Till his appointment in 1864 to the magistracy which he held to his death, he was hardly known to any but a very few members of his own profession. For many years he was a prominent figure at the Lincoln Assizes and at some of the Lincolnshire Quarter Sessions. He had now and then a brief at Nottingham; he was hardly known at Derby, and beyond these three towns he was altogether unknown in his profession. He rarely, if ever, had a brief of any sort in London. His excellence as a magistrate was caused by the union in him of intellectual merits which, though by no means common, were certainly not extraordinary, with moral qualities which are rarer. He had excellent plain commonsense, and a sound, though not an extensive or profound, knowledge of law. Whatever he did was sure to be quiet and rational. He made no mistakes and no displays. His moral qualities were a combination of kindness, excellent moral tact and discrimination, a strong sense of justice, especially towards anyone who was poor and weak, and the most ready and winning sympathy. It is time, however, to give a slight sketch of the man himself as he was in the vigour of his life, and to indicate, if possible, the nature of the peculiar charm which won the hearts of all who knew him. In person Mr. Flowers was small, slight, and delicate. His eyes sparkled with fun. His appearance, manner, and gestures suggested humour, sense, and spirit, considerably subdued by shyness, and that superficial timidity which is not at all akin to cowardice or inconsistent with courage and high spirit. His practice, small as it was, was almost entirely in the criminal courts; but it would be impossible to imagine anyone less like the conventional Old Bailey barrister. A brief was a disagreeable surprise to him, and when the Circuit had passed Lincoln he used to say, "Now I'm happy; I shall not have to speak again this circuit." He would make the most ludicrous appeals to his juniors to do his work for him; he would lie awake all night before an important trial; but when he got on his legs and heard his own voice his shyness disappeared, and he was capable of a kind and degree of eloquence seldom heard in an English court of justice, and of which it is difficult to give an idea. In an action for seduction tried at Lincoln, the plaintiff's case of what was described as impropriety of conduct were imputed to the daughter of his client. In order to represent them as cases of mere innocent rusticity of manners he assumed (as he could when he pleased) the broad Lincolnshire in which he enshrined in Lord Tennyson's "Northern Farmer," and thundered out, with overwhelming effect, "What does that fine London gentleman there" (a not strictly accurate description of the counsel for the defendant) "know of our girls? how he finds fault with the poor thing before you twelve Lincoln farmers? Why, what would any one of your own wives have done?" His first important case was a case of murder, which was tried at Nottingham forty years ago or more, and he displayed such eloquence in it, and such spirited indignation at some unfairness on the part of the counsel for the Crown as to win Lord Denman's lasting admiration and support. Eloquence, however, was nearly his only gift as an advocate. Mr. Flowers would have made an excellent comic actor. He was elected by the Bar Mess of the Midland Circuit (the old Midland Circuit of all—as it was down to 1864) to be their chaplain; and he used to preach sermons which were full of humour and quite free from irreverence. He was usually called on to preach when the Bar dined with the Judges, and his favourite text was—"The cloak which I left at Troas," which he used to explain to be hypocrisy. On one occasion he addressed his audience thus:—"Oh! my brethren, have you left your cloaks at Troas? Have you? Have you? Have you?" and, fixing his eyes specially on Lord Campbell, "Have *you*, my lord, left *your* cloak at Troas?"—*Saturday Review.*

RUSSIAN EXPLORATION IN KHORASAN.

AN exploring expedition has started from Tiflis, with the object of thoroughly investigating the natural history of Khorasan. It will be under the direction of Dr. Radde, who will take special charge of the botanical department and of the zoology of the higher animals. Dr. Walter, who was lately assistant to Professor Hackel at Jena, will have charge of the lower animals. M. Koutjin will be the geologists, and two general assistants will complete the scientific portion of the expedition. It is hoped that their work will be finished by the end of August. A number of specialists will be charged with the task of examining and describing the collections with a view to publication; and it has been already arranged that Dr. Boettger of Frankfort, will deal with the molluscs, M. Strauch, of St. Petersburg, with the reptiles and amphibia, and Dr. Radde with the birds. It is understood that the Emperor has expressed a strong personal interest in the expedition.

AN ECCENTRIC "KATISHA".

A CURIOUS instance of the one weakness to which the better sex is prone is reported from Detroit. A "Mikado" company occupied the theatre there; and in the middle of the performance the Katisha, Miss Grace Atherton, jumped down into the pit and called the attention of the audience to her shoes. "Just look at them," she cried, "are they not disgraceful? Would you believe it, the management won't give me £2 to buy another pair?" Then she walked up and down the passage, advising every one to go home. "I don't mean to play," she told them, "and the piece can't go on without me." Finally she was persuaded by a friend to return to the stage, and Katisha was played in a flood of tears. The remarkable thing is that Miss Atherton like the rest of the company, had been receiving practically no salary for some time, the tour not having been a success; but of that she did not complain. It was only when the management insisted on her wearing old boots that she felt the impossibility of standing it any longer.

THE CALIFORNIA ROADRUNNER.

A VERY singular and yet a very little known bird is the roadrunner chaparral cock, or, as it is known in Mexico and the Spanish sections of the United States, the paisano, it belongs to the cuckoo family, but has none of the bad habits by which the European cuckoo is best known. It is a shy bird, but is not by any means an unfamiliar object in the south-western portions of the United States and in Mexico. Sometimes it wanders up into middle California, but not often, seeming to prefer the more deserted, hotter, and sandier parts of southern California and from there stretching its habitat as far east as middle Texas. It is not by any means a brilliantly coloured bird, although some of its hues are very beautiful. The prevailing colour of the roadrunner is oliver green, which is marked with brown and white. The top of the head is black blue, and is furnished with an erectile crest. The eyes are surrounded by a line of bare skin. It is not a large bird, being seldom twenty four inches long. With a tail taking more than half of that length The tail, indeed, is the most striking feature of the bird, being not only so very long, but seemingly endowed with the gift of perpetual motion, since it is never still, but bobs up and down, and sidewise, too, into every possible angle, and almost incessantly. But while its tail is most striking, its legs are most remarkable, being not only long and stout, but wonderfully muscular. How muscular nobody would be able to imagine who had not put them to the test. A traveller in Mexico tells of going out with his ranchero host to hunt hares with a brace of very fine hounds. Going over a long stretch of sandy plain, relieved only by pillars and clusters of cactus, the Mexican called the attention of his guest to an alert, comical-looking bird, some distance from them. With the remark that the gentlemen should see some rare coursing, the Mexican slipped the leashes of the straining hounds, which sprang off as if used to the sport, and darted after the bird. For a moment it seemed to the stranger a very poor use to put the dogs to, but he was not long in changing his mind. Instead of taking wing, the bird tilted its long tail straight up into the air in a saucily defiant way, and started off on a run in a direct line ahead. It seemed an incredible thing that the slender dogs, with their space devouring bounds, should not at once overtake the little bird; but so it was. The legs of the paisano moved with marvellous rapidity, and enabled it to keep the hounds at their distance for a very long time, being finally overtaken only after one of the gamest races ever witnessed by the visiting sportsman. The roadrunner, however, serves a better purpose in life than being run down by hounds. Cassin mentions a most singular circumstance among the peculiarities of the bird. It seems to have a mortal hatred of rattlesnakes, and no sooner sees one of these reptiles than it sets about its destruction. The snake, might well seem a most diabolical way of compassing its death. Finding the snake asleep, it at once seeks out the spiniest of the small cacti, the prickly pear, and, with infinite pains and quiet, seems, carries the leaves, which it breaks off, and puts them in a circle around the slumbering snake. When it has made a sufficient wall about the object of all this care, it rouses its victim with a sudden peck of its sharp beak, and then, instead of waiting to let the snake work out its own destruction, a thing it eventually does in a way that ought to gratify the roadrunner if it have any sense of humour. Anyone watching it would say it was expressing the liveliest emotion with its constantly and grotesquely moving tail. The first impulse of the assaulted snake is to coil for a dart; its next to move away. It quickly realises that it is hemmed in, in a circle, and finally makes a rash attempt to glide over the obstruction. The myriad of tiny needles prick it and drive it back. The angry snake, with small wisdom, attempts to retaliate by fastening its fangs into the offending cactus, and there it is inhibited. Angrier still, it again and again assaults the prickly wall, until, quite beside itself with rage, it seems to lose its wits completely, and, writhing and twisting horribly, buries its envenomed fangs into its own body, rapidly finding its self-inflicted wounds. After the catastrophe, the roadrunner indulges in a few gratified flirts of its long tail and goes off, perchance to find its reward in being run down by hounds set on by men.—*Scientific American.*

THE SKULL.

IN a recent paper to the *Archiv für Anthropologie* on the capacity and chief diameters of the skull in different nations, Herr Welcker considers that nine-tenths of all the figures of capacity given in literature are incorrect, most of them being excessive. After discussing different modes of measurement, he gives the following results of his own observations:—In the Germanic peoples the average internal capacity varies between 1,400 and 1550c.cm. In Celts, Romans, and Greeks we find 1400 to 1,500; in the Slavs the width of measurements is nearly the same as in the Germans (but less exactly determined). Quite out of the series are the peoples of Hindostan; the narrow range of 1,280 to 1,370 includes all the members of this group. Individual examples of the Semitic and Hamitic peoples (of which the author had but few to examine) differ widely; but the Jews and Arabians here take a good position—1,450 to 1,470 c. cm. The Mongolians range from about 1,320 (but mostly 1,400) to 1,500; 1,350 to 1,450 seems the proper medium of the capacity of the Malays, and only very isolated stocks exceed these limits on both sides. The Papuans and Australians show the averages 1,370 and 1,320 respectively. The negroes vary between 1,300 and 1,400, much lower figures appearing rare (Buschan-el,344). The Americans, finally, have a wide range; while they are normally between 1,300 and 1,400, they reach in some of their artificially deformed members a mean value of 1,200, and even less. Sexual dimorphism stands in skull smaller and flatter, is most pronounced in all civilised peoples.

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN SAILORS.

"THE feeling between the parties is so strained that any day a serious disturbance may take place. So says a Liverpool newspaper; the "parties" in question being respectively the British and the foreign sailors now offering themselves for employment at the local Sailors' Home. It would appear that in the maritime as in other worlds just now, there is not enough employment for those who desire to be employed. "The number of men on shore" at Liverpool "is now much in excess of the demand, and large crowds offer themselves for service." And if these crowds consisted wholly of Englishmen, no doubt the competition, if keen, would be friendly. But, unfortunately the foreign element enters into this, as into other phases of commercial questions. Meanwhile, if the tale be true, our countrymen have been asserting themselves pretty stoutly. "The Englishmen," we read, "have on several occasions driven the foreigners out of the waiting-room at their shipping-offices; and yesterday some of the men posted a written notice to the effect that no Scandinavians were required, afterwards clearing the room of the foreigners." Nevertheless, it seems that "each day foreigners have been shipped," and, moreover, have been deliberately chosen in preference to British seamen. "In many cases," says our authority, "the masters of English vessels prefer to take the foreigner, as they say he is more tractable than the English sailor and is likewise much steadier." "Much steadier and more tractable!"

ELECTRIC SIGNALLING FROM BALLOONS.

BY direction of the War Office, experiments in army signalling of a novel and interesting character were begun on Saturday evening last at the Army Signalling School, Aldershot, under the superintendence of Major Thrupp, when Mr. Bruce, son of Major-General Bruce, attended to exhibit his balloon signalling apparatus. The balloon holds between 4,000 and 5,000 feet of gas. The interior is illuminated by six incandescent lamps of only 15 candles each, which can be increased up to 100, if necessary. A 25 cell battery was used, and the signalling was carried on by means of a key similar to that used on telegraph instruments, which charged the lamps for short and long periods. The balloon, which was made captive to a stake driven in the ground, ascended about 500 feet, and a party of signallers having been sent out some miles away from camp, several messages were sent and read by the signallers and replied to by the lime-light, under very unfavourable atmospherical conditions, it being very foggy, and snow falling the whole time. The light was also tried outside the balloon. It is understood that further experiments with this system will be carried out.

CAVE DWELLINGS IN SAXONY.

IN the *Transactions* of the Verein für Erdkunde at Halle a writer describes certain cave dwellings in the province of Saxony. These are occasionally found in loose formations in the Balkan Peninsula (in the Lom Palanka region, for intance), but it is somewhat startling to find them used now in such a cultivated place as Saxony. They are in the neighbourhood of Halberstadt, quite close to the village of Langenstein. Here in a sandstone hill about a dozen caves have been dug, which are used as dwellings. They have different rooms, light and dark, as well as chimneys, windows, and doors, and are said to be very dry and habitable. The writer of the account, a physician, says that he found the inhabitants quite comfortable, and that some of them had lived there for more than thirty years without suffering from any evil effects to their health.

INSPECTION OF BAYONETS.

THE Government inspectors from the Small Arms Factory, Enfield, have completed their inspection of the bayonets of the Corps of Royal Marines at Chatham. Taken as a whole, the inspection proved anything but satisfactory. Out of 150 bayonets belonging to one company no less than seventy-five were rejected. The officers of the corps, however, are of opinion that the system of testing adopted is too severe. The inspection of the bayonets of the other regiments of the garrison commenced on Saturday. The officers say that the main cause of the rejection of the bayonets is owing not so much to flaws in the metal as to the fact that the gauge of the weapons has been diminished by constant burnishing, &c.

THE MARSEILLAISE".

AN interesting study on the "Marseillaise" by M. Vigfusson, the Icelandic scholar, appears in the *Débats*. The writer's object is to show that several of the lines in Rouget de Lisle's song, including some of the best and most characteristic of them, are taken, with very little alteration, from Racine's two sacred dramas "Esther" and "Athalie." He places the parallel passages side by side; and it is difficult to resist the inference that the more modern poet copied directly from his predecessor. M. Loth, of the Univers, follows up this examination of the words of the revolutionary hymn with an analysis of the music to which they are set; and he makes out a very fair case for the connection with which he starts, that it is practically a free adaptation of one of the airs of the opera of "Esther," composed by Grisons, the martre-de-chapelle of St. Cyr. This daring affiliation of the words of the soug on the pious Racine, and of its melody on a church organist, ought to be enough to disgust French Republicans with the strains with which they periodically deafen their neighbours.

BRIC-A-BRAC.

AN old corset of Charlotte Bronte's was sold the other day for 8s. For a pair of scissors she had once handled 10s. was accepted; a print dress, rather worn, fetched 15s; and an ancient pair of boots was thought cheap at 22s. And yet it is said that hero worship is dying out. Hero-worship is used advisedly; for the young ladies—presumably they were young ladies who bought these precious relics—were doubtless thinking of Rochester all the time. It is to be hoped that Miss Bronte's boots, dresses, scissors, &c., will not be allowed to fade unseen in some private collection. Let the purchasers present them to some public museum where sightseers can feast their eyes upon them daily. Best place of all for them would be that most interesting of all Mdme. Tussaud's chambers—the one where are exhibited the tooth that was pulled from Napoleon's head, the pincers that pulled it, and a scrap of the handkerchief with which the dentist held them when he did it. An extra 9d. is very rightly charged for this room: but if the management would add the corset worn by Charlotte Bronte when she wrote "Jane Eyre," the boots that pinched Dickens, and a piece of the apple tree which grew the fruit that George Eliot had for dessert in the year 1841, the charge might be raised to 9d.

THE POPULARITY OF AUTHORS.

AT last the popularity of our best known writers has been put to a test that deserves respect. From the books of the six leading circulating libraries of Philadelphia it was found that 80 per cent. of the works in active circulation are novels. This will surprise no one. The order of popularity is—Dickens, Lytton, Scott, Thackeray, George Eliot, among the dead ones; while Mr. William Black holds first place among the living ones. But the readers of Philadelphia are not as most readers are, for they ask oftener for Browning than for Tennyson. This may be because they have Tennysons of their own, while they are content with the library copy of Browning. On the whole "poetry is not much read," the librarians being quite astounded when any one asked for "Dryden, Pope, or Cowper." The favourite hist ories are Justin McCarthy's "History of Our Times" and Green's and Macaulay's English histories. We had feared as much.

TOUTING IN THE LAW COURTS.

REFERRING to the remarks recently made by the Lord Chief Justice, on the reprehensible custom of some of the ushers of the Royal Courts asking for "tips," the *Daily Telegraph* says:—"Allowance must be made for these acolytes of the Temple of Justice, if they feel now and then inclined to claim perquisites which do not properly belong to them. They live in a legal atmosphere, and must grow accustomed to the idea that everybody who comes into a law court is made to be shorn. The infection of the place communicates itself to them, and they demand, generally on the 'higher scale.' Unfortunately no taxing master is near to reduce their little demands, as happens to the more orthodox charges of the solicitors. There must also be a tremendous temptation to work the ushers of a client's case, who just 'pulled off' a suit, and who has been adjudged damages to the tune of some hundreds of pounds. Experience of human nature will lead the usher to conclude with some accuracy that in the moment of triumph the smiling litigant will be more than ordinarily inclined to 'remember the grotto' in the strand. Yet that gratuity must never be claimed as a matter of right which, if given at all, is due to the unsolicited promptings of unreflecting benevolence."

THE FRENCH CROWN JEWELS.

THE sale of the Crown jewels is being mooted again in France. M. Beujamin Raspail, whose pet hobby the alienation of these emblems of tyranny has long been, proposes to pension old and broken-down working men out of the proceeds. M. Daurescu thinks they should be used to endow technical schools. M. Hebrard would rather see them spent on the encouragement of art; and half-a-dozen other equally desirable modes of employing the funds are advocated by half-a-dozen other much lower figures. It is safe to predict that they will be one and all disappointed. The value of the jewels is estimated at something like a million sterling. But it would be absurd to imagine that stones of this description would realise their actual value, or anything like it, if put on the market, especially in this time of universal *gêne*. The 'Regent" diamond figures in the estimate for half-a-million, not too high a price perhaps for the finest diamond in the world; but then, no one wants to buy it. It might be possible to dispose of the smaller stones at half or quarter of their value; but such a trifle would not go far to provide France with schools of art, or to place aged rollers out of the reach of want.—*St. James's Gazette.*

THE HASTIE SLANDER CASE.

IN connection with the action raised at the instance of the Rev. Mr Hastie, against Octavius Steel for damages for slander, judgment was given on the 28th by Lord Fraser in the Court of Session on the question of the jurisdiction of the Court in cases affecting the defender. It was alleged that defender owned property in this country, and on that ground it was maintained he was within the jurisdiction of the court. For the defender it was stated that the property said to belong to him was bought by his family for their mother, and that defender, having no interest in the property in question, nor in any other property in this country, there was no jurisdiction. Lord Fraser held that the idea against jurisdiction must be repelled on the ground that when the summons was served, the defender was joint proprietor with his brother, John Steel, of property in St Vincent-street, Glasgow. His Lordship said it was of no moment that the defender parted with the property within twenty-four hours of the service of the summons. Jurisdiction was validly constituted at the time the action was instituted, and that jurisdiction would not be affected by the circumstance that the defender sold heritable property on which jurisdiction was based after the summons was served. Mr Hastie was appointed to lodge issues for the trial of the case, and he was found entitled to expenses since the date of the closing of the record.

MECHANICAL USES FOR NATURAL GAS.

AT many of the wells near Pittsburgh the natural gas issues with an initial pressure of 200 lbs. to the square inch, or even more, and, before it can be used as fuel or illuminant, must have this pressure considerably reduced. Where the pipe lines are of any great length, the friction of the gas against the sides and angles is sufficient to accomplish the purpose; but where the fuel is used directly from the well, or where the transit is but short, mechanical devices become necessary. It is now proposed, however, to make use of the force thus stored up in the compressed gas, instead of wasting it as heretofore, or making provision for its dispersion. One plan suggested utilises the pressure for blowing blast-furnaces, thus dispensing with the enormous engines now employed for that purpose. Sufficient air would, of course, have to be introduced along with the gas to furnish the oxygen necessary for its combustion, and so much of the solid fuel in the furnace charge as was not oxidised in the reduction of the ore, or combined in the resulting pig-iron. Should this plan prove practicable, it would also lessen to a great extent the amount of solid fuel in the burden, and would be a preliminary step in the solution of the problem of a gas blast-furnace. Another proposition is to make use of the gas in working engines similar to those using compressed air. The gas, after giving up its stored mechanical energy, would be equally available for the production of light or heat, and its entire power would be utilised. If the supply of natural gas proves at all permanent, it promises to become daily more valuable. Mr. Andrew Carnegie, in his description of the Pittsburg field, mentions one well, in the Murrayaville district, which yields 30,000,000 cubic feet of gas in twenty-four hours. Although this is exceptional, there are many which have a daily output of half this amount and within a radius of from fifteen to twenty miles around Pittsburgh there are four distinct gas-producing districts. The only question to our mind is whether this supply and pressure will be permanent.—*Iron.*

PREJEVALSKY'S TRAVELS.

COLONEL PREJEVALSKY'S facts throw Jules Verne's fancies into the shade. This famous Russian traveller has fought his way through Mongolia and Thibet with a party of seventeen soldiers and a host of other attendants, spent 43,000 roubles, killed 400 people who barred his way, given a number of Russian names to places nominally in the dominions of the Emperor of China, and shown the portrait of the White Czar to "enraptured crowd of Mongolians longing to be taken under his protection." They know how to do these things thoroughly these Russians.

A REMARKABLE STORY OF AN APPARITION.

MANY people—a very great number, in fact—no more believe in apparitions than they do in the man in the moon. And we are not at all sure that we don't agree with them. At the same time the following story of an apparition is such a marvellous and peculiar one, that we cannot do better than receive it with the attention it deserves:—"Young Mr. Bligh, a lad of bright parts and of no common attainements, became on a sudden, pensive, dejected and melancholy. His friends, observing the change without being able to discover the cause attributed his behaviour to laziness, an aversion to school, or to some other motive which they suspected he was ashamed to avow. 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AN old corset of Charlotte Bronte's was sold the other day for 8s. For a pair of scissors she had once handled 10s. was accepted; a print dress, rather worn, fetched 15s; and an ancient pair of boots was thought cheap at 22s. And yet it is said that hero worship is dying out. Hero-worship is used advisedly; for the young ladies—presumably they were young ladies who bought these precious relics—were doubtless thinking of Rochester all the time. It is to be hoped that Miss Bronte's boots, dresses, scissors, &c., will not be allowed to fade unseen in some private collection. Let the purchasers present them to some public museum where sightseers can feast their eyes upon them daily. Best place of all for them would be that most interesting of all Mdme. Tussaud's chambers—the one where are exhibited the tooth that was pulled from Napoleon's head, the pincers that pulled it, and a scrap of the handkerchief with which the dentist held them when he did it. An extra 9d. is very rightly charged for this room: but if the management would add the corset worn by Charlotte Bronte when she wrote "Jane Eyre," the boots that pinched Dickens, and a piece of the apple tree which grew the fruit that George Eliot had for dessert in the year 1841, the charge might be raised to 9d.

THE POPULARITY OF AUTHORS.

AT last the popularity of our best known writers has been put to a test that deserves respect. From the books of the six leading circulating libraries of Philadelphia it was found that 80 per cent. of the works in active circulation are novels. This will surprise no one. The order of popularity is—Dickens, Lytton, Scott, Thackeray, George Eliot, among the dead ones; while Mr. William Black holds first place among the living ones. But the readers of Philadelphia are not as most readers are, for they ask oftener for Browning than for Tennyson. This may be because they have Tennysons of their own, while they are content with the library copy of Browning. On the whole "poetry is not much read," the librarians being quite astounded when any one asked for "Dryden, Pope, or Cowper." The favourite hist ories are Justin McCarthy's "History of Our Times" and Green's and Macaulay's English histories. We had feared as much.

TOUTING IN THE LAW COURTS.

REFERRING to the remarks recently made by the Lord Chief Justice, on the reprehensible custom of some of the ushers of the Royal Courts asking for "tips," the *Daily Telegraph* says:—"Allowance must be made for these acolytes of the Temple of Justice, if they feel now and then inclined to claim perquisites which do not properly belong to them. They live in a legal atmosphere, and must grow accustomed to the idea that everybody who comes into a law court is made to be shorn. The infection of the place communicates itself to them, and they demand, generally on the 'higher scale.' Unfortunately no taxing master is near to reduce their little demands, as happens to the more orthodox charges of the solicitors. There must also be a tremendous temptation to work the ushers of a client's case, who just 'pulled off' a suit, and who has been adjudged damages to the tune of some hundreds of pounds. Experience of human nature will lead the usher to conclude with some accuracy that in the moment of triumph the smiling litigant will be more than ordinarily inclined to 'remember the grotto' in the strand. Yet that gratuity must never be claimed as a matter of right which, if given at all, is due to the unsolicited promptings of unreflecting benevolence."

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THE sale of the Crown jewels is being mooted again in France. M. Beujamin Raspail, whose pet hobby the alienation of these emblems of tyranny has long been, proposes to pension old and broken-down working men out of the proceeds. M. Daurescu thinks they should be used to endow technical schools. M. Hebrard would rather see them spent on the encouragement of art; and half-a-dozen other equally desirable modes of employing the funds are advocated by half-a-dozen other much lower figures. It is safe to predict that they will be one and all disappointed. The value of the jewels is estimated at something like a million sterling. But it would be absurd to imagine that stones of this description would realise their actual value, or anything like it, if put on the market, especially in this time of universal *gêne*. The 'Regent" diamond figures in the estimate for half-a-million, not too high a price perhaps for the finest diamond in the world; but then, no one wants to buy it. It might be possible to dispose of the smaller stones at half or quarter of their value; but such a trifle would not go far to provide France with schools of art, or to place aged rollers out of the reach of want.—*St. James's Gazette.*

THE HASTIE SLANDER CASE.

IN connection with the action raised at the instance of the Rev. Mr Hastie, against Octavius Steel for damages for slander, judgment was given on the 28th by Lord Fraser in the Court of Session on the question of the jurisdiction of the Court in cases affecting the defender. It was alleged that defender owned property in this country, and on that ground it was maintained he was within the jurisdiction of the court. For the defender it was stated that the property said to belong to him was bought by his family for their mother, and that defender, having no interest in the property in question, nor in any other property in this country, there was no jurisdiction. Lord Fraser held that the idea against jurisdiction must be repelled on the ground that when the summons was served, the defender was joint proprietor with his brother, John Steel, of property in St Vincent-street, Glasgow. His Lordship said it was of no moment that the defender parted with the property within twenty-four hours of the service of the summons. Jurisdiction was validly constituted at the time the action was instituted, and that jurisdiction would not be affected by the circumstance that the defender sold heritable property on which jurisdiction was based after the summons was served. Mr Hastie was appointed to lodge issues for the trial of the case, and he was found entitled to expenses since the date of the closing of the record.

MECHANICAL USES FOR NATURAL GAS.

AT many of the wells near Pittsburgh the natural gas issues with an initial pressure of 200 lbs. to the square inch, or even more, and, before it can be used as fuel or illuminant, must have this pressure considerably reduced. Where the pipe lines are of any great length, the friction of the gas against the sides and angles is sufficient to accomplish the purpose; but where the fuel is used directly from the well, or where the transit is but short, mechanical devices become necessary. It is now proposed, however, to make use of the force thus stored up in the compressed gas, instead of wasting it as heretofore, or making provision for its dispersion. One plan suggested utilises the pressure for blowing blast-furnaces, thus dispensing with the enormous engines now employed for that purpose. Sufficient air would, of course, have to be introduced along with the gas to furnish the oxygen necessary for its combustion, and so much of the solid fuel in the furnace charge as was not oxidised in the reduction of the ore, or combined in the resulting pig-iron. Should this plan prove practicable, it would also lessen to a great extent the amount of solid fuel in the burden, and would be a preliminary step in the solution of the problem of a gas blast-furnace. Another proposition is to make use of the gas in working engines similar to those using compressed air. The gas, after giving up its stored mechanical energy, would be equally available for the production of light or heat, and its entire power would be utilised. If the supply of natural gas proves at all permanent, it promises to become daily more valuable. Mr. Andrew Carnegie, in his description of the Pittsburg field, mentions one well, in the Murrayaville district, which yields 30,000,000 cubic feet of gas in twenty-four hours. Although this is exceptional, there are many which have a daily output of half this amount and within a radius of from fifteen to twenty miles around Pittsburgh there are four distinct gas-producing districts. The only question to our mind is whether this supply and pressure will be permanent.—*Iron.*

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COLONEL PREJEVALSKY'S facts throw Jules Verne's fancies into the shade. This famous Russian traveller has fought his way through Mongolia and Thibet with a party of seventeen soldiers and a host of other attendants, spent 43,000 roubles, killed 400 people who barred his way, given a number of Russian names to places nominally in the dominions of the Emperor of China, and shown the portrait of the White Czar to "enraptured crowd of Mongolians longing to be taken under his protection." They know how to do these things thoroughly these Russians.

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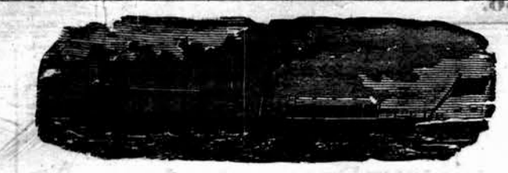

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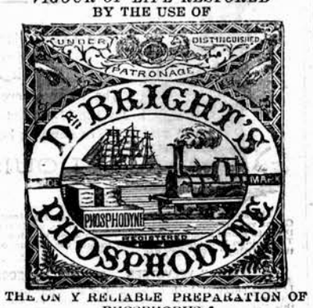

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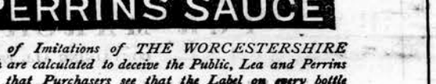

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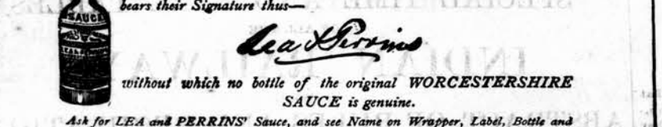

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